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## Chapter XI - Libraries

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### Community House and Library

#### Private Acts of 1931 Chapter 351

WHEREAS, the W. H. & Edgar Magness Community House and Library, and incorporation chartered under the public welfare laws of this State, is now and has been by public aid and support, promoting, maintaining and supporting a public library in Warren County, Tennessee, at McMinnville, and has also by such aid been promoting, maintaining and supporting in connection therewith a public rest room and a community house, all of which has been made possible through the donation of W. H. Magness, said institution having been operated in the past for the public benefit of Warren County, Tennessee, and the Town of McMinnville, Tennessee, and its facilities and benefits being free to the citizenship of said county; and WHEREAS, The Quarterly Court of Warren County has seen fit in the past to make annual appropriations toward the upkeep, maintenance and operation of said worth institution, it also having a like appropriation for said purposes from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of McMinnville, Tennessee, and WHEREAS, The said W. H. Magness has proposed to donate to said W. H. & Edgar Magness Community House and Library, Inc., a sufficient sum of money of approximately \$35,000.00 to provide a new, modern and commodious building to house said welfare institution upon the same real estate where the present W. H. & Edgar Magness Community House and Library, Inc., is now located, so that the same may be operated to a greater advantage and benefit to the citizenship of Warren County, Tennessee, upon the provision that the said institution is insured by Warren County, Tennessee, and the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the Town of McMinnville, Tennessee, that sufficient and adequate sums will be provided each year by said county and town for the adequate and reasonable maintenance and operation of said public welfare institution, and of the objects and purposes which it fosters, and WHEREAS, It will be to the public benefit and good of all of the citizenship of Warren County, Tennessee, that definite assurance be made to the said institution and to its proposed donor, of a future annual appropriation or furnishing of funds by Warren County, Tennessee, to the upkeep, maintenance and operation of said institution, so that it may be perpetuated, and also so that the proposed donation of W. H. Magness may be obtained, and that he may be assured that the object of his philanthropy will be adequately and sufficiently maintained and operated in the future, therefore.

**SECTION 1.** That Warren County, Tennessee, acting through and by its present Quarterly Court, be and hereby is, enabled, empowered and authorized to enter into a valid and binding contract by its resolution, binding itself and all succeeding Quarterly Courts of said county to the provisions of said contract herein authorized by this Act, for the term of years herein set forth, namely, a term of years not exceeding 99 years from the date of the execution of said contract, with the said W. H. & Edgar Magness Community House and Library, Inc., that in the consideration of the said W. H. Magness making said donation referred to in the preamble hereof for the erection of a new and modern building for the said W. H. & Edgar Magness community House and Library, Inc., and for the object which it fosters, and that said institution, will be operated and maintained for the public benefit of the citizenship of Warren County, Tennessee, that Warren County, Tennessee, will appropriate therefor and contribute to the maintenance and operation of said institution a sum of money not exceeding Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), each and every year of the contract, the said sum to be provided annually by said Court but payable monthly to the proper officials of said W. H. & Edgar Magness Community House and Library, Inc., for use in the operation and maintenance of said institution.

**SECTION 2.** That said Quarterly Court, upon its entrance into said contract with the said W. H. & Edgar Magness Community House and Library, Inc., shall thereupon provide adequate and sufficient funds for the fulfillment of its contract during the term of said contract, said funds to be raised in the discretion of the Court either by appropriation each year from the general funds of the county, or by a special levy of taxes each year at such a rate as will be sufficient to provide said funds; and, further, that upon its entrance into said contract that such action upon the part of said Quarterly Court to raise the funds necessary to carry out and perform said contract is hereby required and made mandatory and binding upon the said Quarterly Court entering into said contract and also upon each succeeding Quarterly Court of said county during the term of the said contract.

**SECTION 3.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: June 8, 1931.

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