

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 506
HOUSE BILL 669

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LAW LIBRARY IN HENDERSON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, a law library is deemed a necessity for the use of the officials of Henderson County and the courts held in said county and licensed attorneys practicing law in said county and who are residents of said county; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to provide for the proper equipment, books, records necessary and requisite, and for the support and maintenance of said library: Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the Clerk of the Superior Court, and the President of the Henderson County Bar Association, and their successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted the custodians of all books, supplies, equipment and furniture of the law library which shall be kept and maintained for the County of Henderson and the use of the officials of said county and the courts held therein and resident attorneys practicing law in said county.

Sec. 2. All books, equipment, supplies and furniture of said library shall be the property of the County of Henderson, and the said county is authorized and empowered to hold said property and to add thereto from time to time by gift, donation, purchase or otherwise, such books, records, equipment and furniture as may be deemed reasonably necessary and proper for the use of said officials, courts and attorneys.

Sec. 3. The Clerk of Superior Court of Henderson County shall be, and he is hereby constituted to act as librarian of said library, without compensation. It shall be the duty of said librarian to keep said library open during such hours as may be fixed by the custodians hereinbefore provided for, and shall obey all rules and regulations which may be prescribed for the government and management of said library.

Sec. 4. In order to provide a fund for the extension, maintenance and support of said library, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be taxed as cost and collected by the Clerk of Superior Court in each and every criminal case tried and disposed of in the County Court and the Superior Court of Henderson County after the ratification of this Act, and same shall be put in a fund to be known and designated as a library fund; and the said fund shall be deposited by the Clerk of Superior Court in a bank designated for that purpose and shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing books, equipment and providing for the maintenance and operation of said library.

Sec. 5. It shall also be the duty of the judges of all inferior courts, including all Justices of the Peace of Henderson County, to collect from the defendants in each and every case finally disposed of in their respective courts, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) which amount shall be paid monthly to the Clerk of Superior Court of Henderson County to supplement the aforesaid library fund, and which shall be expended in the manner provided in this Act.

Sec. 6. From the funds collected from time to time, as provided in Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of Superior Court of Henderson County to purchase and pay for such volumes and sets of books and equipment as shall be recommended and agreed upon by a committee to be appointed annually by the Henderson County Bar Association. All checks on said account shall be drawn and signed by the Clerk of Superior Court of Henderson County and it shall be the duty of said Clerk to keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements in connection with said library fund.

Sec. 7. All laws and clauses of law in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of May, 1959.