

can transfer the entire library and its control to some other department or to several departments.

The only authority found in the library sections whereby books may be disposed of is in section 798-5 of the General Code, relative to the legislative reference department, which authorizes the director of said department to "give or lend to the proper officials of the Ohio State University, the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society and the Ohio State Library any books and documents, as may not be required by him." This provision evidently refers to a surplus of books or documents in the legislative reference department which are not needed by the director of that department to carry on the functions thereof.

I am not unmindful of the provisions of House Bill No. 210, which will become effective July 13, 1927, and which reads as follows:

"Section 1. Any department, commission, board, officer or other administrative agency of the state government, having charge of documents, books, manuscripts, records or papers, may arrange with the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical society for the transfer of such documents, books, manuscripts, records or papers, in whole or in part, to the custody of said society on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by such department, commission, board, officer or other administrative agency of the state and the board of trustees of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical society; and such transfer shall be made on approval of such agreement by the governor."

This act pertains to "such documents, books, manuscripts, records or papers" with which the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical society deals, to wit, historical documents, books, manuscripts, records or papers, which may be transferred to that organization for care and preservation and not to books for general distribution as a library function or state library service.

For the reasons stated herein and as well as those set forth in Opinion No. 590, is my opinion that the State Library Board has no authority to distribute to the various state normal schools and universities and the Ohio Archaeological and Historical society for the purpose of management and control the books and property of the Ohio State Library.

Respectfully,
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