

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 359 of 1947**

**42.13a Free public library; establishment or reestablishment and maintenance; conditions; ordinance; resolution; board of directors; appointment of library advisory committee; rules and regulations; state aid.**

Sec. 13a. (1) The township board of a charter township may do either of the following:

(a) Establish and maintain a free public library if the charter township is in a county with a population of more than 750,000 but less than 2,000,000 and has not been located within the service area of an established free public library for the previous 3 years.

(b) Reestablish and maintain under this act a free public library established as a township library under a repealed act that served the charter township.

(2) The board shall establish or reestablish a free public library under subsection (1) by adopting an ordinance or passing a resolution as provided by law. The board shall file a copy of the ordinance or resolution with the department of education within 10 days after adoption or passage.

(3) The township board shall serve as board of directors for the library with final authority over all library matters. The township board shall appoint a library advisory committee consisting of 7 members holding staggered 3-year terms to advise the township board with regard to development, operation, and maintenance of the library. The township board may fill vacancies on the library advisory committee and may remove a member with or without cause.

(4) The township board shall establish the rules and regulations for the operation of the library, appoint a library director and authorize the hiring of qualified assistants, establish a separate and dedicated library fund, and pass any necessary ordinances governing the operations of the library.

(5) A free public library established or reestablished and operated under this section is a public library for the purposes of the state aid to public libraries act, 1977 PA 89, MCL 397.551 to 397.576.

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