
HOUSE BILL 2868

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1 AN ACT Relating to public libraries; and amending RCW 27.12.240 and
2 27.12.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.240 and 1965 c 122 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 After a library (~~shall have~~) has been established or library
7 service contracted for, the legislative body of the governmental unit
8 for which the library was established or the service engaged, shall
9 appropriate money annually for the support of the library. All funds
10 for the library, whether derived from taxation or otherwise, shall be
11 in the custody of the treasurer of the governmental unit, and shall be
12 designated by him or her in some manner for identification, and shall
13 not be used for any but library purposes. The board of trustees
14 (~~shall have~~) has the exclusive control of expenditures for library
15 purposes subject to any examination of accounts required by the state,
16 or the legislative body of the governmental unit for which the library
17 was established, and money shall be paid for library purposes only upon
18 vouchers of the board of trustees(~~, without further audit~~). The
19 board shall not make expenditures or incur indebtedness in any year in

1 excess of the amount of money either appropriated ~~((and/or))~~ or
2 available for library purposes, or both.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.12.190 and 1982 c 123 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The management and control of a library shall be vested in a board
6 of either five or seven trustees who are registered voters residing
7 within the library jurisdiction, as ~~((hereinafter))~~ provided in this
8 section ~~((provided))~~. In cities and towns five trustees shall be
9 appointed by the mayor with the consent of the legislative body. In
10 counties, rural county library districts, and island library districts,
11 five trustees shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners.
12 In a regional library district a board of either five or seven trustees
13 shall be appointed by the joint action of the legislative bodies
14 concerned. In intercounty rural library districts a board of either
15 five or seven trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the
16 boards of county commissioners of each of the counties included in a
17 district. The first appointments for boards comprised of but five
18 trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years
19 respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed annually to
20 serve for five years. The first appointments for boards comprised of
21 seven trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six,
22 and seven years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be
23 appointed annually to serve for seven years. No person shall be
24 appointed to any board of trustees for more than two consecutive terms.
25 Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in
26 the manner in which members of the board are regularly chosen.

27 A library trustee shall not receive a salary or other compensation
28 for services as trustee, but necessary expenses actually incurred shall
29 be paid from the library funds.

30 A library trustee in the case of a city or town may be removed only
31 by vote of the legislative body. A trustee of a county library, a
32 rural county library district library, or an island library district
33 library may be removed for just cause by the county commissioners after
34 a public hearing upon a written complaint stating the ground for
35 removal, which complaint, with a notice of the time and place of
36 hearing, shall have been served upon the trustee at least fifteen days
37 before the hearing. A trustee of an intercounty rural library district
38 may be removed by the joint action of the board of county commissioners

1 of the counties involved in the same manner as provided ((~~herein~~)) in
2 this section for the removal of a trustee of a county library.

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