
SENATE BILL 5785

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1 AN ACT Relating to intercounty rural library districts; and
2 amending RCW 27.12.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.190 and 1982 c 123 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The management and control of a library shall be vested in a
7 board of either five or seven trustees as hereinafter in this section
8 provided. In cities and towns five trustees shall be appointed by the
9 mayor with the consent of the legislative body. In counties, rural
10 county library districts, and island library districts, five trustees
11 shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. In a regional
12 library district a board of either five or seven trustees shall be
13 appointed by the joint action of the legislative bodies concerned. In
14 intercounty rural library districts a board of either five or seven
15 trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the boards of county
16 commissioners of each of the counties included in a district.

17 (2) 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

1 serve for five years. The first appointments for boards comprised of
2 seven trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six,
3 and seven years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be
4 appointed annually to serve for seven years. No person shall be
5 appointed to any board of trustees for more than two consecutive terms.
6 Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in
7 the manner in which members of the board are regularly chosen.

8 (3) A library trustee shall not receive a salary or other
9 compensation for services as trustee, but necessary expenses actually
10 incurred shall be paid from the library funds.

11 (4) A library trustee in the case of a city or town may be removed
12 only by vote of the legislative body. A trustee of a county library,
13 a rural county library district library, or an island library district
14 library may be removed for just cause by the county commissioners after
15 a public hearing upon a written complaint stating the ground for
16 removal, which complaint, with a notice of the time and place of
17 hearing, shall have been served upon the trustee at least fifteen days
18 before the hearing. A trustee of an intercounty rural library district
19 may be removed by the joint action of the board of county commissioners
20 of the counties involved in the same manner as provided herein for the
21 removal of a trustee of a county library.

22 (5)(a) If a county comprising part of an intercounty rural library
23 district has a population exceeding fifty percent of the total district
24 population, and if fewer than fifty percent of the trustees of that
25 intercounty rural library district are residents of that county, the
26 following applies:

27 (i) The votes of the trustees for the district, which shall be
28 equal in number to the number of trustees, shall be allocated to the
29 nearest one-tenth of one percent among the trustees of the counties
30 comprising the district in direct proportion to the population of each
31 county, excluding incorporated areas that are not part of the district,
32 as it relates to the population of the district; and

33 (ii) A board subject to this subsection (5) shall adopt procedures
34 for the proportional distribution of trustee votes, including
35 procedures ensuring that voting rights of trustees from the same county
36 are shared equally.

37 (b) Population determinations made in accordance with this

1 subsection (5) shall be determined by the most recent federal decennial
2 census.

3 (c) The office of the secretary of state is responsible for
4 enforcing this subsection (5).

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any provision of this act or its
6 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
7 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
8 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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