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Abstract: Requires the governing authority of Livingston Parish to increase the membership of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control from seven to nine members.

Present law authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to create, by ordinance, public libraries. Requires parish and municipal governing authorities to create public libraries when petitioned by not less than 25% of the duly qualified property taxpayers of the respective parish or municipality. Generally requires parish governing authorities to appoint not less than five nor more than seven citizens of the parish as a board of control and municipal governing authorities to appoint five citizens of the municipality as a board of control. Provides exceptions. Provides that the president of the respective parish and the mayor of the respective municipality are ex officio members of the board. Provides that members serve five-year staggered terms.

Proposed law provides an exception for the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control. Requires the parish governing authority to appoint nine citizens to serve as the members of the library board of control. Further requires each member of the parish governing authority to appoint one member. Provides that members are eligible for reappointment. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the terms of the members of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control in office on the effective date of proposed law terminate on that date, but members must remain in office until at least five library board of control members who are appointed as provided in proposed law and take office.

(Adds R.S. 25:214.5)