

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 628

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

LIBRARIES: Provides relative to the membership of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 25:214.5, relative to Livingston Parish; to provide relative to the Livingston  
3 Parish Library Board of Control; to provide for an increase in the membership of the  
4 board; to provide relative to the appointment of board members; to provide for terms;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 25:214.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §214.5. Livingston Parish Library Board of Control; additional members;  
12 appointment; terms of office

13 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing  
14 authority of the parish of Livingston shall appoint nine citizens to serve as the  
15 members of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control. The president of the  
16 parish governing authority shall be an ex officio member of the board. However, the  
17 president may designate another member of the parish governing authority to serve  
18 in his stead on the library board of control.

19 B. The additional members appointed pursuant to Subsection A of this  
20 Section shall serve initial terms as determined by the parish governing authority not

1        to exceed five years. The successors of any such members shall serve five-year  
2        terms.

3                C. Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled in the  
4        manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5                D. Members are eligible for reappointment.

DIGEST

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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. Provides that members are eligible for reappointment. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 25:214.5)