

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

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LIBRARIES: Provides relative to members of parish library boards of control

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:214(B), relative to parish libraries; to provide relative to
3 library boards of control; to provide relative to the members of such boards; to
4 provide relative to the powers granted to parish governing authorities with respect
5 to the removal of such members; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 25:214(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §214. Board of control; members; appointment and terms of office

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10 B. The governing authority of the parish shall, in the ordinance creating a
11 public library, name and appoint, at its option, not less than five citizens nor more
12 than seven citizens of the parish as a board of control for such parish library to serve
13 for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, the successors of whom shall each
14 be appointed for a term of five years. The governing authority may remove any
15 citizen appointed to serve on the board of control at any time during his term of
16 office. The president of the police jury shall be ex officio, a member of the board of
17 control for such public library, provided however that the president of the police jury
18 shall have the right to designate another member of the governing authority of the
19 parish to serve in his place and stead on the board of control of such public library.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes parish governing authorities to remove members of their respective library boards of control.

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. Further 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 as a board of control.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires board of control members to serve five-year staggered terms. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law additionally provides that members of boards of control created by parish governing authorities may be removed by the parish governing authority at any time.

(Amends R.S. 25:214(B))