

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 974 (Substitute for House Bill No. 168 by Representative Carlson)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:215(A), to enact R.S. 25:214(D), and to repeal R.S.  
3 33:1415(C), relative to library boards of control; to provide relative to the duties,  
4 membership, and powers of the boards; to provide relative to the employment of  
5 library directors and head librarians; to provide for qualifications; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 25:215(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 25:214(D) is  
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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12 D. The provisions of R.S. 33:1415(A) shall apply to the appointment of all  
13 members of the boards of control created pursuant to Subsections A and B of this  
14 Section.

15 §215. Duties and powers of the board; employment of librarian, assistants, and other  
16 employees

17 A.(1) The board of control shall meet and organize immediately after ~~their~~  
18 its appointment and annually thereafter and elect a president, vice-president,  
19 secretary, and treasurer, whose duties shall be those customarily exercised by such  
20 officers. The board of control shall have authority to establish rules and regulations  
21 for its own government and that of the library not inconsistent with law; and to elect  
22 and employ a librarian, and, upon the recommendation and approval of the latter, to

1 employ assistant librarians and other employees and fix their salaries and  
 2 compensation; ~~provided that no.~~ No contract of employment shall be made for a  
 3 longer period than four years nor with any person as head librarian who has not been  
 4 certified by the State Board of Library Examiners as provided in R.S. 25:222. The  
 5 head librarian may be appointed or elected secretary of the board of control.

6 (2) In addition to librarians as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,  
 7 the board of control may hire a library director and establish qualifications for the  
 8 position. The board of control may but is not required to provide that a certificate  
 9 or permit from the State Board of Library Examiners is a qualification for the library  
 10 director position. The board of control may provide that the library director shall  
 11 serve as the head librarian. The requirement in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection for  
 12 certification by the State Board of Library Examiners is not applicable to a head  
 13 librarian who is also serving as a library director.

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15 Section 2. R.S. 33:1415(C) is hereby repealed.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_