

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 20

2024 Regular Session

Riser

Present law (R.S. 25:220) provides that the expenses or costs of maintenance of certain public libraries shall be paid monthly by the parish or municipal governing authority establishing the library, including the salaries of librarians and other employees and other incidental expenses. Provides that expenses and maintenance costs shall be paid out of the funds specially budgeted for library purposes from the general fund or out of special taxes for the library's support and maintenance. Provides that expenses and costs are subject to approval by the board of control of the library.

Proposed law would have made an exception to present law that would have transferred the administration of and accounting functions for funds of the Catahoula Parish Library from the parish governing authority to the library board of control.

VETO MESSAGE:

"Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 20 of the 2024 Regular Session.

House Bill 20 transfers the administration and accounting functions for library funds from the parish governing authority to the library. This change leaves the parish governing authority without the recourse provided by La. R.S. 25:225(E)(1) if the library does not adopt and implement the policy requirements in R.S. 25:225.

For these reasons, House Bill 20 will not become law."

(Proposed to add R.S. 25:215(B)(19))