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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to remove members of library boards of control.

Present law (R.S. 33:1415) authorizes the governing authority of any parish or municipality that has created or established any board, commission, agency, district, office, government, or any unit having governmental functions, power or authority to abolish the entity. Present law prohibits the abolishment of any entity whose creation is required by state law.

Present law (R.S. 25:211 et seq.) 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.

Present law provides that if there is a conflict between the provisions of present law (R.S. 33:1415) authorizing parish and municipal governing authorities to abolish entities they have created and the provisions of present law (R.S. 25:211 et seq.) that authorize parish and municipal governing authorities to create public libraries and appoint library boards of control, the provisions authorizing the creation of libraries shall prevail.

Proposed law retains present law but additionally authorizes the governing authority of any parish or municipality to remove any member of its respective library board control at any time, with or without cause.

(Amends R.S. 33:1415(C))