

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 736 (HB 848)

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Existing 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.

Existing law authorizes the governing authority to submit a proposition to the property taxpayers to vote a special tax for the maintenance and support of the library and its branches. Requires the governing authority to submit such a proposition to the voters when requested by a petition of not less than 25% of the duly qualified property taxpayers.

New law additionally authorizes parish governing authorities to exercise budgetary and fiscal control over any library created by the respective governing authority. Provides that budgetary and fiscal control includes the authority to approve, disapprove, or amend a budget adopted by the respective library board of control and also includes powers specifically granted by existing law (R.S. 33:1415(B)). Requires parish governing authorities to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301 et. seq).

Effective July 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 25:220.1)