
HOUSE BILL 2522

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By Representative Fitzgibbon

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the selection process for librarians
2 of rural county library districts in counties with one million or more
3 residents; amending RCW 27.12.210; and adding a new section to chapter
4 27.12 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.210 and 2011 c 336 s 703 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The trustees, immediately after their appointment or election,
9 shall meet and organize by the election of such officers as they deem
10 necessary. They shall:

11 (1) Adopt such bylaws, rules, and regulations for their own
12 guidance and for the government of the library as they deem expedient;

13 (2) Have the supervision, care, and custody of all property of the
14 library, including the rooms or buildings constructed, leased, or set
15 apart therefor;

16 (3) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, employ a
17 librarian, and upon his or her recommendation employ such other
18 assistants as may be necessary, all in accordance with the provisions

1 of RCW ((~~27.08.010~~)) 27.04.055, prescribe their duties, fix their
2 compensation, and remove them for cause;

3 (4) Submit annually to the legislative body a budget containing
4 estimates in detail of the amount of money necessary for the library
5 for the ensuing year; except that in a library district the board of
6 library trustees shall prepare its budget, certify the same and deliver
7 it to the board of county commissioners in ample time for it to make
8 the tax levies for the purpose of the district;

9 (5) Have exclusive control of the finances of the library;

10 (6) Accept such gifts of money or property for library purposes as
11 they deem expedient;

12 (7) Lease or purchase land for library buildings;

13 (8) Lease, purchase, or erect an appropriate building or buildings
14 for library purposes, and acquire such other property as may be needed
15 therefor;

16 (9) Purchase books, periodicals, maps, and supplies for the
17 library; and

18 (10) Do all other acts necessary for the orderly and efficient
19 management and control of the library.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 27.12 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 In any county with an adopted home rule charter and one million or
23 more residents, the librarian of a rural county library district must
24 be nominated by the county executive and, upon the recommendation of a
25 majority of the trustees, confirmed by a majority of the county
26 council.

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