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By Representatives Ludwig, Neher, Bray, Horn and Grant

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1            AN ACT Relating to libraries; and amending RCW 27.12.050,  
2 27.12.130, 27.12.190, and 27.12.420.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.050 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 5 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            After the board of county commissioners has declared a rural county  
7 library district established, it shall appoint ((a)) an initial board  
8 of library trustees and provide funds for the establishment and  
9 maintenance of library service for the district by making a tax levy on  
10 the property in the district of not more than fifty cents per thousand  
11 dollars of assessed value per year sufficient for the library service  
12 as shown to be required by the budget submitted to the board of county  
13 commissioners by the board of library trustees, and by making a tax  
14 levy in such further amount as shall be authorized pursuant to RCW

1 27.12.222 or RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056. Such levies shall be a part  
2 of the general tax roll and shall be collected as a part of the general  
3 taxes against the property in the district.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.12.130 and 1959 c 133 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Immediately following the establishment of an intercounty rural  
7 library district the boards of county commissioners of the counties  
8 affected shall jointly appoint ((a)) an initial board of five or seven  
9 trustees for the district in accordance with RCW 27.12.190. The board  
10 of trustees shall appoint a librarian for the district.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.12.190 and 1982 c 123 s 8 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 The management and control of a library shall be vested in a board  
14 of either five or seven trustees as hereinafter in this section  
15 provided. In cities and towns five trustees shall be appointed by the  
16 mayor with the consent of the legislative body. In counties, rural  
17 county library districts, and island library districts, five trustees  
18 shall initially be appointed by the board of county commissioners. In  
19 a regional library district a board of either five or seven trustees  
20 shall initially be appointed by the joint action of the legislative  
21 bodies concerned. In intercounty rural library districts a board of  
22 either five or seven trustees shall initially be appointed by the joint  
23 action of the boards of county commissioners of each of the counties  
24 included in a district. The first appointments for boards comprised of  
25 but five trustees shall be ((for terms of one, two, three, four, and  
26 five years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed  
27 annually to serve for five years)) until the next nonpartisan primary  
28 for three trustees and until the next subsequent nonpartisan primary

1 for two trustees. Thereafter trustees shall be elected to four-year  
2 terms as provided in chapter 29.21 RCW. The first appointments for  
3 boards comprised of seven trustees shall be ((for terms of one, two,  
4 three, four, five, six, and seven years respectively, and thereafter a  
5 trustee shall be appointed annually to serve for seven years)) until  
6 the next nonpartisan primary for four trustees and until the next  
7 subsequent nonpartisan primary for three trustees. Thereafter trustees  
8 shall be elected to four-year terms as provided in chapter 29.21 RCW.  
9 No person shall be appointed to any board of trustees for more than two  
10 consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as  
11 soon as possible in the manner in which members of the board are  
12 ((regularly)) initially chosen.

13 A library trustee shall not receive a salary or other compensation  
14 for services as trustee, but necessary expenses actually incurred shall  
15 be paid from the library funds.

16 A library trustee in the case of a city or town may be removed only  
17 by vote of the legislative body. ((A trustee of a county library, a  
18 rural county library district library, or an island library district  
19 library may be removed for just cause by the county commissioners after  
20 a public hearing upon a written complaint stating the ground for  
21 removal, which complaint, with a notice of the time and place of  
22 hearing, shall have been served upon the trustee at least fifteen days  
23 before the hearing. A trustee of an intercounty rural library district  
24 may be removed by the joint action of the board of county commissioners  
25 of the counties involved in the same manner as provided herein for the  
26 removal of a trustee of a county library.))

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 27.12.420 and 1982 c 123 s 4 are each amended to read  
28 as follows:

1       Immediately following the establishment of an island library  
2 district, the board of county commissioners shall appoint ((a)) an  
3 initial board of library trustees for the district in accordance with  
4 RCW 27.12.190. The board of trustees shall appoint a librarian for the  
5 district.

6       Funds for the establishment and maintenance of the library service  
7 of the district shall be provided by the board of county commissioners  
8 by means of an annual tax levy on the property in the district of not  
9 more than fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value per year.  
10 The tax levy shall be based on a budget to be compiled by the board of  
11 trustees of the island library district who shall determine the tax  
12 rate necessary and certify their determination to the board of county  
13 commissioners.

14       Excess levies authorized pursuant to RCW 27.12.222, 84.52.052, or  
15 84.52.056 shall be at a rate determined by the board of trustees of the  
16 island library district and certified to the board of county  
17 commissioners.