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By Representatives Lisk and Rayburn

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1 AN ACT Relating to library trustee appointment terms; and amending  
2 RCW 27.12.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.190 and 1982 c 123 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The management and control of a library shall be vested in a board  
7 of either five or seven trustees as hereinafter in this section  
8 provided. In cities and towns five trustees shall be appointed by the  
9 mayor with the consent of the legislative body. In counties, rural  
10 county library districts, and island library districts, five trustees  
11 shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. In a regional  
12 library district a board of either five or seven trustees shall be  
13 appointed by the joint action of the legislative bodies concerned. In  
14 intercounty rural library districts a board of either five or seven  
15 trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the boards of county  
16 commissioners of each of the counties included in a district. The  
17 first appointments for boards comprised of but five trustees shall be  
18 for terms of one, two, and three years, and two of four(~~(, and five)~~)  
19 years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed

1 annually to serve for (~~five~~) four years. The first appointments for  
2 boards comprised of seven trustees shall be for terms of one, two,  
3 three, and four(~~, five, six, and seven~~) years respectively, and  
4 thereafter a trustee shall be appointed annually to serve for (~~seven~~)  
5 four years. No person shall be appointed to any board of trustees for  
6 more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for  
7 unexpired terms as soon as possible in the manner in which members of  
8 the board are regularly chosen.

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

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

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