

SENATE BILL No. 132

By Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

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1 AN ACT concerning the regional system of cooperating libraries;
2 amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-2550 and repealing the existing
3 section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-2550 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 75-2550. (a) The system board shall consist of one or more
8 representatives selected by each of the boards participating in the regional
9 system, and one or more representatives appointed by the ~~governor~~ *state*
10 *librarian, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners of the*
11 *county of residence of such appointee*, to represent territory not within the
12 district of participating library board but within the territory of the regional
13 system of cooperating libraries. The petition provided for in K.S.A. 75-
14 2549, and amendments thereto, may propose the number of representatives
15 of each such board, but the determination thereof shall be made by the
16 state board when approving such petition. The state board shall consider
17 any petition presented to it as provided in this act and if it approves such
18 petition it shall adopt a resolution officially designating such particular
19 regional system of cooperating libraries and describing the territory thereof
20 which shall include one or more counties but shall exclude the territory of
21 any taxing district which regularly levies 0.25 or more mills of tax for the
22 support of a public library upon the request of the governing body of the
23 district making such levy. Any district so excluded may later petition to be
24 added to and included in the regional system of cooperating libraries from
25 which it was excluded and such petition shall be prepared and processed as
26 other petitions provided for by this act. Additional counties may be added
27 to the territory of any regional system of cooperating libraries upon
28 petition by a library board located in such county and such a petition shall
29 be prepared and processed as is provided in this act for initial petitions;
30 except that the prior approval in writing of a petition under this sentence
31 shall be obtained by the petitioning board from the regional board and
32 attached to the petition when submitted to the state board. Within two
33 weeks after receiving notice of approval of a petition provided for under
34 this act the board of each participating library and the ~~governor~~ *state*
35 *librarian, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners of the*
36 *county of residence of such appointee*, shall select the number of

1 representatives determined by the state board and shall certify the names
2 and addresses of such representatives to the state librarian. The term of
3 each such representative may be proposed in the petition provided under
4 K.S.A. 75-2549, and amendments thereto, but shall not exceed four years,
5 and the final determination of duration of terms shall be made by the state
6 board at the time of approval of the petition.

7 (b) Any taxing district which regularly levies 0.25 mill or more of tax
8 for the support of a public library, and which taxing district has been
9 included in a regional system, may petition to be excluded from the
10 regional system. Such petition shall be made and presented to the state
11 board. The state board shall consider any such petition and if such taxing
12 district meets the requirement for making such a petition and if excluding
13 such taxing district from the regional system will do no manifest harm
14 thereto, the state board may enter its order excluding and detaching such
15 taxing district from the regional system and making such adjustment to the
16 organization of such regional system as may be appropriate to continue the
17 operation of the regional system without interruption.

18 (c) The system board shall have the authority and power to:

19 (1) Operate a system of library service to and for participating
20 libraries;

21 (2) the system board may purchase service from a participating
22 library for the benefit of the regional system of cooperating libraries;

23 (3) the system board may contribute to or receive contribution from
24 any participating library, and may receive and utilize any gift of funds or
25 property donated to the regional system of cooperating libraries;

26 (4) the system board may contract with any one or more participating
27 libraries and the board of each participating library is hereby authorized to
28 contract with the system board or with any one or more other boards, but
29 any such contract shall provide that the same shall not take effect until
30 approved by the state librarian;

31 (5) the system board may contract with any other system board or any
32 board, but any such contract shall provide that the same shall not take
33 effect until approved by the state librarian; and

34 (6) employ a system librarian and such other persons as the regional
35 board may find convenient or necessary.

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-2550 is hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.