

*As Amended by Senate Committee*

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*Session of 2017*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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