

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 1512, Page 6, Section 143.183, Line 115, by inserting after all of said
2 section and line the following:
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4 "181.060. 1. The general assembly may appropriate moneys for state aid to public libraries,
5 which moneys shall be administered by the state librarian, and distributed as specified in rules and
6 regulations promulgated by the Missouri state library, and approved by the secretary of state.

7 2. At least fifty percent of the moneys appropriated for state aid to public libraries shall be
8 apportioned to all public libraries established and maintained under the provisions of the library
9 laws or other laws of the state relating to libraries. The allocation of the moneys shall be based on
10 an equal per capita rate for the population of each city, village, town, township, urban public library
11 district, county or consolidated library district in which any library is or may be established, in
12 proportion to the population according to the latest federal census of the cities, villages, towns,
13 townships, school districts, county or regional library districts maintaining public libraries primarily
14 supported by public funds which are designed to serve the general public. No grant shall be made to
15 any public library which is tax supported if the rate of tax levied or the appropriation for the library
16 should be decreased below the rate in force on December 31, 1946, or on the date of its
17 establishment. Grants shall be made to any public library if a public library tax of at least ten cents
18 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation has been voted in accordance with sections 182.010 to
19 182.460 or as authorized in section 137.030 and is duly assessed and levied for the year preceding
20 that in which the grant is made, or if the appropriation for the public library in any city of first class
21 yields one dollar or more per capita for the previous year according to the population of the latest
22 federal census or if the amount provided by the city for the public library, in any other city in which
23 the library is not supported by a library tax, is at least equal to the amount of revenue which would
24 be realized by a tax of ten cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation if the library had been
25 tax supported. Except that, no grant under this section shall be affected because of a reduction in the
26 rate of levy which is required by the provisions of section 137.073 or because of a voluntary
27 reduction in the levy following the enactment of a district sales tax under section 182.802, if the
28 proceeds from the sales tax equal or exceed the reduction in revenue from the levy.

29 3. The librarian of the library together with the treasurer of the library or the treasurer of the
30 city if there is no library treasurer shall certify to the state librarian the annual tax income and rate of

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1 tax or the appropriation for the library on the date of the enactment of this law, and of the current
 2 year, and each year thereafter, and the state librarian shall certify to the commissioner of
 3 administration the amount to be paid to each library.

4 4. The balance of the moneys shall be administered and supervised by the state librarian
 5 who may provide grants to public libraries for:

6 (1) Establishment, on a population basis to newly established city, county city/county or
 7 consolidated libraries;

8 (2) Equalization to city/county, urban public, county or consolidated libraries;

9 (3) Reciprocal borrowing;

10 (4) Technological development;

11 (5) Interlibrary cooperation;

12 (6) Literacy programs; ~~and~~

13 (7) Costs of maintenance and repair of library facilities; and

14 (8) Other library projects or programs that may be determined by the local library, library
 15 advisory committee and the state library staff that would improve access to library services by the
 16 residents of this state. Newly established libraries shall certify through the legally established board
 17 or the governing body of the city supporting the library and the librarian of the library to the state
 18 librarian the fact of establishment, the rate of tax, the assessed valuation of the library district and
 19 the annual tax yield of the library. The state librarian shall then certify to the commissioner of
 20 administration the amount of establishment grant to be paid to the libraries and warrants shall be
 21 issued for the amount allocated and approved. The sum appropriated for state aid to public libraries
 22 shall be separate and apart from any and all appropriations made to the state library.

23 182.050. 1. For the purpose of carrying into effect sections 182.010 to 182.120, in case a
 24 county library district is established and a free county library authorized as provided in section
 25 182.010, within sixty days after the establishment of the county library district, there shall be
 26 created a county library board of trustees, of five members, who shall be residents of the library
 27 district, none of whom shall be elected county officials.

28 2. (1) For districts established under sections 182.010 to 182.120 that have an assessed
 29 valuation of three hundred fifty million dollars or less:

30 (a) The members shall be elected as provided in paragraphs (b) to (g) of this subdivision or
 31 appointed by the county commission for terms of four years each, except that as to the members of
 32 the first board, two shall be appointed for one year, and one each shall be appointed for two years,
 33 three years, and four years, respectively, from the first day of July following their appointment; and
 34 annually thereafter before the first day of July the county commission shall appoint successors[-];

35 (b) a. If the county commission adopts an order or ordinance or receives a petition, signed
 36 by at least five percent of the number of registered voters of the library district voting in the last
 37 gubernatorial election, calling for the county commission to establish an elected library district
 38 board, the county commission shall, within thirty days of the adoption of the order or ordinance or

1 the receipt of the petition, notify the election authority of the county in which the library district is
2 located.

3 b. Upon receiving such notification, the election authority shall submit the question of
4 whether to establish an elected library district board as provided by the order or ordinance or the
5 petition to the voters of the library district on the next available general municipal election day.

6 c. The question submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "Shall the _____
7 (insert name) County Library District change from an appointed board to an elected board?".

8 d. If a majority of the registered voters of the library district voting on the question approve
9 the establishment of an elected library district board, the county commission shall develop a final
10 plan for the establishment of an elected library district board. If a majority of the registered voters
11 of the library district voting on the question reject the establishment of an elected library district
12 board, no elected library district board shall be established;

13 (c) Within ninety days after the approval of the establishment of an elected library district
14 board, the county commission shall submit the final plan to the election authority of the county and
15 immediately publish the final plan on the county commission's website and by any other method
16 allowed by law. The final plan shall contain at least the following information:

17 a. A summary of the final plan for establishing the elected library district board;

18 b. A statement indicating whether the library district will be divided into subdistricts, at-
19 large districts, or a combination of subdistricts and at-large districts and how many of each;

20 c. A description of the areas of the library district each newly elected library district board
21 member will represent, with each subdistrict and at-large district represented by a number;

22 d. The date of the election of each new library district board member as provided in the final
23 plan; and

24 e. Any other information deemed necessary by the county commission;

25 (d) a. On the first day available for candidate filing for the first general municipal election
26 occurring after the final plan for the establishment of the elected library district board is submitted
27 to the election authority, any qualified resident who has or will have resided in a subdistrict or at-
28 large district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day and who meets
29 all other applicable qualifications for the county library district board established under sections
30 182.010 to 182.120 may file as a candidate for election to the library district board as a member
31 representing such subdistrict or at-large district.

32 b. At the end of the time available for candidate filing, if no qualified resident of a
33 subdistrict has filed as a candidate in that subdistrict, the election authority shall extend the time for
34 candidate filing by seven additional days, and any qualified resident of the library district who has
35 or will have resided in the library district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal
36 election day and who meets all other applicable qualifications for the county library district board
37 established under sections 182.010 to 182.120 may file as a candidate for election to the library
38 district board as a member representing that subdistrict.

1 c. No library district shall require a candidate to submit a petition signed by the registered
 2 voters of the library district as a method of filing a declaration of candidacy. The election authority
 3 shall determine the validity of all declarations of candidacy;

4 (e) When the election is held on the general municipal election day, the candidates, one
 5 from each of the subdistricts or at-large districts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by the
 6 voters of that subdistrict shall be elected. Any candidate who is not a subdistrict resident but
 7 qualifies as a candidate as a library district resident as provided in subparagraph b. of paragraph (d)
 8 of this subdivision shall be elected by the voters of the library district. Each member shall be
 9 elected to a term as provided in the final plan for the establishment of the elected library district
 10 board;

11 (f) Each member shall serve until a successor is elected or the member vacates the office;
 12 and

13 (g) Except for a member who is not a subdistrict resident but is elected as a library district
 14 resident to represent a subdistrict as provided in subparagraph b. of paragraph (d) of this
 15 subdivision, each member shall reside in the subdistrict the member represents during the member's
 16 term.

17 (2) For districts established under sections 182.010 to 182.120 that have an assessed
 18 valuation of more than three hundred fifty million dollars, members shall be elected as follows:

19 (a) A library district required to elect library district board members under this subdivision
 20 shall follow all applicable provisions of state law governing elections in chapter 115;

21 (b) The election for the library district board and each candidate for library district board
 22 membership shall be nonpartisan;

23 (c) The first election for elected library district board members shall occur on the general
 24 municipal election day in April of 2025. Subsequent elections for library district board members
 25 shall occur only on the general municipal election day; and

26 (d) Members elected under this subdivision shall serve a four-year term, except that the
 27 initial members elected under this subdivision shall serve staggered terms as determined by the
 28 county commission as follows:

29 a. Two members shall serve an initial term of one year;

30 b. One member shall serve an initial term of two years;

31 c. One member shall serve an initial term of three years; and

32 d. One member shall serve a term of four years.

33 3. Vacancies in the board occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise shall be
 34 reported to the county commission and shall be filled in like manner as original appointments;
 35 except that if the vacancy is in an unexpired term, the appointment shall be made for only the
 36 unexpired portion of that term. No member of the board shall receive compensation as such. No
 37 person shall be employed by the board of library trustees or by the librarian who is related within the
 38 third degree by blood or by marriage to any trustee of the board.

1 182.170. 1. When any city establishes and maintains a public library under sections
2 182.140 to 182.301 and the city served by such public library has an assessed valuation of two
3 hundred fifty million dollars or less, the mayor or other proper official of the city, with the approval
4 of the legislative branch of the city government, shall proceed to appoint a library board of nine
5 trustees, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for the office, or such
6 trustees shall be elected as provided in subsection 2 of this section.

7 2. (1) (a) If the governing body of the city adopts an order or ordinance or receives a
8 petition, signed by at least five percent of the number of registered voters of the city voting in the
9 last gubernatorial election, calling for the governing body to establish an elected library board of
10 trustees, the governing body shall, within thirty days of the adoption of the order or ordinance or the
11 receipt of the petition, notify the election authority with jurisdiction over the city.

12 (b) Upon receiving such notification, the election authority shall submit the question of
13 whether to establish an elected library board of trustees as provided by the order or ordinance or the
14 petition to the voters of the city on the next available general municipal election day.

15 (c) The question submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "Shall the
16 (insert city name) Public Library Board of Trustees change from an appointed board to an elected
17 board?".

18 (d) If a majority of the registered voters of the city voting on the question approve the
19 establishment of an elected library board of trustees, the governing body of the city shall develop a
20 final plan for the establishment of an elected library board of trustees. If a majority of the registered
21 voters of the city voting on the question reject the establishment of an elected library board of
22 trustees, no elected library board of trustees shall be established.

23 (2) Within ninety days after the approval of the establishment of an elected library board of
24 trustees, the governing body of the city shall submit the final plan to the election authority with
25 jurisdiction over the city and immediately publish the final plan on the city's website and by any
26 other method allowed by law. The final plan shall contain at least the following information:

27 (a) A summary of the final plan for establishing the elected library board of trustees;

28 (b) A statement indicating whether the city served by the library will, for library board of
29 trustee purposes, be divided into subdistricts, at-large districts, or a combination of subdistricts and
30 at-large districts and how many of each;

31 (c) A description of the areas of the city each newly elected library board trustee will
32 represent, with each subdistrict and at-large district represented by a number;

33 (d) The date of the election of each new library board trustee as provided in the final plan;
34 and

35 (e) Any other information deemed necessary by the governing body of the city.

36 (3) (a) On the first day available for candidate filing for the first general municipal election
37 occurring after the final plan for the establishment of the elected library board of trustees is
38 submitted to the election authority, any qualified resident who has or will have resided in a
39 subdistrict or at-large district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day

1 and who meets all other applicable qualifications for the library board of trustees established in
2 sections 182.140 to 182.301 may file as a candidate for election to the library board as a trustee
3 representing such subdistrict or at-large district.

4 (b) At the end of the time available for candidate filing, if no qualified resident of a
5 subdistrict has filed as a candidate in that subdistrict, the election authority shall extend the time for
6 candidate filing by seven additional days, and any qualified resident of the city who has or will have
7 resided in the city for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day and who
8 meets all other applicable qualifications for the library board of trustees established in sections
9 182.140 to 182.301 may file as a candidate for election to the library board as a trustee representing
10 that subdistrict.

11 (c) No city public library shall require a candidate to submit a petition signed by the
12 registered voters of the city as a method of filing a declaration of candidacy. The election authority
13 shall determine the validity of all declarations of candidacy.

14 (4) When the election is held on the general municipal election day, the candidates, one
15 from each of the subdistricts or at-large districts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by the
16 voters of that subdistrict shall be elected. Any candidate who is not a subdistrict resident but
17 qualifies as a candidate as a city resident as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of this
18 subsection shall be elected by the voters of the city. Each trustee shall be elected to a term as
19 provided in the final plan for the establishment of the elected library board of trustees.

20 (5) Each trustee shall serve until a successor is elected or the trustee vacates the office.

21 (6) Except for a trustee who is not a subdistrict resident but is elected as a city resident to
22 represent a subdistrict as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, each trustee
23 shall reside in the subdistrict the trustee represents during the trustee's term.

24 3. For a city that establishes a public library under sections 182.140 to 182.301, if such city
25 served by such public library has an assessed valuation of more than two hundred fifty million
26 dollars, trustees shall be elected as follows:

27 (1) A city required to elect library board trustees under this subsection shall follow all
28 applicable provisions of state law governing elections in chapter 115;

29 (2) The election for the library board of trustees and each candidate for library board trustee
30 shall be nonpartisan;

31 (3) The first election for elected library board trustees shall occur on the general municipal
32 election day in April of 2025. Subsequent elections for library board trustees shall occur only on the
33 general municipal election day; and

34 (4) Trustees elected under this subsection shall serve a four-year term, except that the initial
35 trustees elected under this subsection shall serve staggered terms as determined by the city as
36 follows:

37 (a) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of one year;

38 (b) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of two years; and

39 (c) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of three years.

1 4. No member of the city government shall be a member of the board.

2 182.291. 1. After the establishment of a county library district as provided in section
3 182.010, the board of trustees of any city library within the county, which city has a library tax levy
4 equal to that levied for the county library district, and which county library district has a population
5 of under two hundred and fifty thousand, with the prior approval of the governing body of the city,
6 may petition the county governing body to permit the organization of a city-county library to
7 provide library service to the residents of the county by appropriate means from the city library.

8 2. After the county library board has been appointed as provided in section 182.050, the
9 county library board may petition the county governing body to permit the organization of a city-
10 county library which shall provide library service to the residents of the county by appropriate
11 means from the city library. Within thirty days after receiving the petition the county governing
12 body shall notify the county library board and the city library board of its decision by order of
13 record. If the petition is approved, the city-county library shall be deemed established; but if the
14 petition is denied, the parties may proceed as provided in sections 182.010 to 182.120.

15 3. (1) If the area served by a city-county library has an assessed valuation of two hundred
16 fifty million dollars or less:

17 (a) Such city-county library shall be under the control and supervision of a board of trustees
18 of nine members. If the population of the county is larger than that of the city, the county governing
19 body shall appoint five members of the library board. If the population of the county is less than
20 that of the city, the county governing body shall appoint four members of the library board. If the
21 population of the city is larger than that of the county, the mayor of the city shall appoint five
22 members to the library board. If the population of the city is less than that of the county, the mayor
23 shall appoint four members to the library board[-];

24 (b) The appointed members shall serve a term of three years and until their successors are
25 appointed and qualified in the same manner as their predecessors; except that, the original members
26 shall serve terms ranging from one to three years to be determined by the board at its first meeting.
27 Immediately upon their appointment, the board shall organize as provided in section 182.060; and
28 thereupon the city board shall cease to exist and shall turn over all property, books and records to the
29 city-county board; and

30 (c) Trustees may be elected as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

31 (2) (a) a. If the governing bodies of the city and county adopt an order or ordinance or
32 receive a petition, signed by at least five percent of the number of registered voters of the area
33 served by the city-county library voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for the governing
34 bodies to establish an elected library board of trustees, the governing bodies shall, within thirty days
35 of the last adoption of the order or ordinance or the receipt of the petition, notify the election
36 authority with jurisdiction over the county.

37 b. Upon receiving such notification, the election authority shall submit the question of
38 whether to establish an elected library board of trustees as provided by the order or ordinance or the

1 petition to the voters of the area served by the city-county library on the next available general
2 municipal election day.

3 c. The question submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "Shall the
4 (insert city-county library name) Board of Trustees change from an appointed board to an elected
5 board?".

6 d. If a majority of the registered voters of the area served by the city-county library voting
7 on the question approve the establishment of an elected library board of trustees, the governing
8 bodies of the city and county shall jointly develop a final plan for the establishment of an elected
9 library board of trustees. If a majority of the registered voters of the area served by the city-county
10 library voting on the question reject the establishment of an elected library board of trustees, no
11 elected library board of trustees shall be established.

12 (b) Within ninety days after the approval of the establishment of an elected library board of
13 trustees, the governing bodies of the city and county shall submit the final plan to the election
14 authority with jurisdiction over the county and immediately publish the final plan on the city's and
15 county's websites and by any other method allowed by law. The final plan shall contain at least the
16 following information:

17 a. A summary of the final plan for establishing the elected library board of trustees;

18 b. A statement indicating whether the territory served by the city-county library will, for
19 library board of trustee purposes, be divided into subdistricts, at-large districts, or a combination of
20 subdistricts and at-large districts and how many of each;

21 c. A description of the areas of the territory served by the city-county library each newly
22 elected library board trustee will represent, with each subdistrict and at-large district represented by
23 a number;

24 d. The date of the election of each new library board trustee as provided in the final plan;
25 and

26 e. Any other information deemed necessary by the governing bodies of the city and county.

27 (c) a. On the first day available for candidate filing for the first general municipal election
28 occurring after the final plan for the establishment of the elected library board of trustees is
29 submitted to the election authority, any qualified resident who has or will have resided in a
30 subdistrict or at-large district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day
31 and who meets all other applicable qualifications for the library board of trustees established in this
32 section may file as a candidate for election to the library board as a trustee representing such
33 subdistrict or at-large district.

34 b. At the end of the time available for candidate filing, if no qualified resident of a
35 subdistrict has filed as a candidate in that subdistrict, the election authority shall extend the time for
36 candidate filing by seven additional days, and any qualified resident of the area served by the city-
37 county library who has or will have resided in the area served by the city-county library for the year
38 immediately preceding the general municipal election day and who meets all other applicable

1 qualifications for the library board of trustees established in this section may file as a candidate for
 2 election to the library board as a trustee representing that subdistrict.

3 c. No city-county library shall require a candidate to submit a petition signed by the
 4 registered voters of the area served by the city-county library as a method of filing a declaration of
 5 candidacy. The election authority shall determine the validity of all declarations of candidacy.

6 (d) When the election is held on the general municipal election day, the candidates, one
 7 from each of the subdistricts or at-large districts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by the
 8 voters of that subdistrict shall be elected. Any candidate who is not a subdistrict resident but
 9 qualifies as a candidate as a city-county library area resident as provided in subparagraph b. of
 10 paragraph (c) of this subdivision shall be elected by the voters of the area served by the city-county
 11 library. Each trustee shall be elected to a term as provided in the final plan for the establishment of
 12 the elected library board of trustees.

13 (e) Each trustee shall serve until a successor is elected or the trustee vacates the office.

14 (f) Except for a trustee who is not a subdistrict resident but is elected as a city-county library
 15 area resident to represent a subdistrict as provided in subparagraph b. of paragraph (c) of this
 16 subdivision, each trustee shall reside in the subdistrict the trustee represents during the trustee's
 17 term.

18 4. All unexpended funds of the preexisting separate city and county library districts shall be
 19 deposited by the custodians thereof with the city treasurer immediately upon the issuance of the
 20 county governing body's approval of the petition.

21 5. For all tax purposes, including levies and adjustments thereof, the city library district
 22 shall become a part of the county library district at the beginning of the next fiscal year after the
 23 merger and the property within the city library district shall be treated as within the county library
 24 district for all such purposes; except, until the city library district shall become a part of the county
 25 library district the levy and collection of taxes shall be made as though no merger had taken place,
 26 so that the levy and collection of taxes shall be without interruption, and during that period no
 27 change in the levy shall take place. The funds collected shall be turned over to the city treasurer
 28 immediately upon collection.

29 6. All of the real and personal property and all of the obligations of the preexisting separate
 30 city and county library districts shall, without further action, become the property and obligations of
 31 the merged city-county library district, which shall have an official name composed of the name of
 32 the city, followed by the name of the county and followed by the words "County Library District".

33 7. The merged district, and the librarian, officials and board thereof, shall have all of the
 34 rights, powers, responsibilities, and privileges granted county library districts by the laws of the
 35 state of Missouri and shall be governed by such laws, as though the merged districts were a county
 36 library district, except:

37 (1) Where such laws are inconsistent with this section;

38 (2) The treasurer of the board of trustees of the library district shall receive and be the
 39 custodian of all moneys, belonging to the district from whatever source derived. Such funds shall be

1 audited annually. At least once in every month the proper finance officer shall pay over to the
 2 treasurer of the library district all moneys received and collected for the fund, including interest on
 3 such moneys, and take duplicate receipts from the treasurer, one of which he shall file with the
 4 secretary of the library district and the other of which he shall file in his settlement with the proper
 5 governing body;

6 (3) The library board shall prepare a budget for each fiscal year and all expenditures shall
 7 conform to such budget. The budget shall be prepared and approved by the library board and made
 8 available to the members of the governing body of the city and the members of the county
 9 governing body sixty days before the beginning of each fiscal year, except the first budget of the
 10 merged district shall be prepared forthwith and so delivered after the merger.

11 8. For a city-county library established under this section, if the area served by such city-
 12 county library has an assessed valuation of more than two hundred fifty million dollars, trustees
 13 shall be elected as follows:

14 (1) A city and county required to elect library board trustees under this subsection shall
 15 follow all applicable provisions of state law governing elections in chapter 115;

16 (2) The election for the library board of trustees and each candidate for library board trustee
 17 shall be nonpartisan;

18 (3) The first election for elected library board trustees shall occur on the general municipal
 19 election day in April of 2025. Subsequent elections for library board trustees shall occur only on the
 20 general municipal election day; and

21 (4) Trustees elected under this subsection shall serve a four-year term, except that the initial
 22 trustees elected under this subsection shall serve staggered terms as determined by the city and
 23 county as follows:

24 (a) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of one year;

25 (b) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of two years; and

26 (c) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of three years.

27 182.640. 1. (1) A consolidated public library district created under the provisions of
 28 sections 182.610 to 182.670 that has an assessed valuation of two hundred fifty million dollars or
 29 less shall be governed by a board of trustees which shall consist of not less than eight trustees to be
 30 appointed by the county commission or county executive officers of the counties participating in the
 31 consolidated public library district. Upon the creation of a consolidated district under section
 32 182.620, the county commission or county executive officers of each participating county shall
 33 appoint four trustees who are residents of that county and who reside in the district, as
 34 representatives of its county. If an existing consolidated public library district is enlarged by
 35 incorporating into it any county public library district under section 182.660, then the county
 36 commission or county executive of the petitioning county district shall appoint four trustees who are
 37 residents of that county as representatives of the county. If an existing consolidated public library
 38 district is enlarged by incorporating into it any city, municipal, school, or other public library district
 39 that does not include an entire county, that includes territory outside of the consolidated district's

1 existing boundaries, and that petitions to join the consolidated district under section 182.660, then
2 the county commission or county executive of each county within the petitioning district that is
3 outside of the consolidated district's existing boundaries shall appoint one trustee who resides in
4 their county and also within the petitioning district as a representative of the consolidated district.

5 (2) Trustees may be elected as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

6 (3) (a) a. If the governing bodies of the counties participating in the consolidated public
7 library district adopt an order or ordinance or receive a petition, signed by at least five percent of the
8 number of registered voters of the consolidated public library district voting in the last gubernatorial
9 election, calling for the governing bodies to establish an elected library board of trustees, the
10 governing bodies shall, within thirty days of the last adoption of the order or ordinance or the receipt
11 of the petition, notify the election authority with jurisdiction over each county.

12 b. Upon receiving such notification, the election authority shall submit the question of
13 whether to establish an elected library board of trustees as provided by the order or ordinance or the
14 petition to the voters of the consolidated public library district residing in such county on the next
15 available general municipal election day.

16 c. The question submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "Shall the _____
17 (insert consolidated public library district name) Board of Trustees change from an appointed board
18 to an elected board?".

19 d. If a majority of the registered voters in each of the counties participating in the
20 consolidated public library district voting on the question approve the establishment of an elected
21 library board of trustees, the governing bodies of the counties shall jointly develop a final plan for
22 the establishment of an elected library board of trustees. If a majority of the registered voters in any
23 one of the counties participating in the consolidated public library district voting on the question
24 reject the establishment of an elected library board of trustees, no elected library board of trustees
25 shall be established.

26 (b) Within ninety days after the approval of the establishment of an elected library board of
27 trustees, the governing bodies of the counties shall submit the final plan to the election authority
28 with jurisdiction over each county and immediately publish the final plan on each county's website
29 and by any other method allowed by law. The final plan shall contain at least the following
30 information:

31 a. A summary of the final plan for establishing the elected library board of trustees;

32 b. A statement indicating whether the area served by the consolidated public library district
33 will, for library board of trustee purposes, be divided into subdistricts, at-large districts, or a
34 combination of subdistricts and at-large districts and how many of each;

35 c. A description of the area served by the consolidated public library district each newly
36 elected library board trustee will represent, with each subdistrict and at-large district represented by
37 a number;

38 d. The date of the election of each new library board trustee as provided in the final plan;
39 and

1 e. Any other information deemed necessary by the governing bodies of the counties.

2 (c) a. On the first day available for candidate filing for the first general municipal election
3 occurring after the final plan for the establishment of the elected library board of trustees is
4 submitted to the election authorities, any qualified resident who has or will have resided in a
5 subdistrict or at-large district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day
6 and who meets all other applicable qualifications for the library board of trustees established in
7 sections 182.610 to 182.670 may file as a candidate for election to the library board as a trustee
8 representing such subdistrict or at-large district.

9 b. At the end of the time available for candidate filing, if no qualified resident of a
10 subdistrict has filed as a candidate in that subdistrict, the election authority shall extend the time for
11 candidate filing by seven additional days, and any qualified resident of the consolidated public
12 library district who has or will have resided in the consolidated public library district for the year
13 immediately preceding the general municipal election day and who meets all other applicable
14 qualifications for the library board of trustees established in sections 182.610 to 182.670 may file as
15 a candidate for election to the library board as a trustee representing that subdistrict.

16 c. No consolidated public library district shall require a candidate to submit a petition signed
17 by the registered voters of the consolidated public library district as a method of filing a declaration
18 of candidacy. The election authority shall determine the validity of all declarations of candidacy.

19 (d) When the election is held on the general municipal election day, the candidates, one
20 from each of the subdistricts or at-large districts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by the
21 voters of that subdistrict shall be elected. Any candidate who is not a subdistrict resident but
22 qualifies as a candidate as a consolidated public library district resident as provided in subparagraph
23 b. of paragraph (c) of this subdivision shall be elected by the voters of the consolidated public
24 library district. Each trustee shall be elected to a term as provided in the final plan for the
25 establishment of the elected library board of trustees.

26 (e) Each trustee shall serve until a successor is elected or the trustee vacates the office.

27 (f) Except for a trustee who is not a subdistrict resident but is elected as a consolidated
28 public library district resident to represent a subdistrict as provided in subparagraph b. of paragraph
29 (c) of this subdivision, each trustee shall reside in the subdistrict the trustee represents during the
30 trustee's term.

31 (4) No appointed trustee shall be an elected official.

32 2. The trustees of the existing boards of a county public district shall remain as the
33 representatives of their respective county and shall serve the remainder of their respective term as
34 the governing board of a consolidated public library district. Upon expiration of their term the
35 county commission or county executive officer shall appoint a resident of the respective county and
36 district for a four-year term beginning the first day of July or until a successor shall be appointed.
37 Trustees in office as of August 28, 2005, who reside outside the district shall be deemed to have
38 vacated their trusteeships and successors shall be appointed under subsection 4 of this section.

1 3. Whenever any member of the board of trustees shall, without good cause, fail to attend
2 six consecutive board meetings of the consolidated public library district or whenever any member
3 of the board of trustees is deemed by the majority of the board of trustees to be guilty of conduct
4 prejudicial to the good order and effective operation of the consolidated public library district, or
5 whenever any member is deemed to be guilty of neglect of duty, then such member may be removed
6 by resolution of the board of trustees duly acted upon, after specification of charge and hearing.

7 4. Vacancies in the board occasioned by removals, resignations, or otherwise shall be
8 reported to the county commission or county executive officers and shall be filled in like manner as
9 original appointments; except that, if the vacancy occurs during an unexpired term, the appointment
10 shall be for only the unexpired portion of that term.

11 5. No person shall be employed by the board of library trustees or by the librarian who is
12 related within the third degree by blood or by marriage to any trustee of the board.

13 6. Except as in sections 182.610 to 182.670 otherwise expressly provided, no trustee of a
14 consolidated public library district shall receive any fee, salary, gratuity or other compensation or
15 remuneration for acting as such; except that, the board of trustees may reimburse its members for
16 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

17 7. The board of trustees shall have a president, secretary and a treasurer and such other
18 officers as the board may select. All officers of the board shall be selected by the board. All
19 officers of the board of trustees shall serve at the pleasure of the board, and shall not receive any
20 salary, gratuity or other compensation or reimbursement for acting as such, except the treasurer, who
21 may also serve as secretary.

22 8. The board shall provide for regularly scheduled meetings of the board to be held monthly;
23 except that, the board shall not be required to meet more than ten times in any calendar year. The
24 board shall make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations governing the proceedings of the board,
25 including bylaws prescribing the duties of each officer of the board of trustees. No bylaws, rules or
26 regulations shall be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any provision of law.

27 9. A majority of the full board of trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
28 business. The act of the majority of the trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present
29 shall be the act of the board of trustees, except as hereinafter provided. The affirmative vote of a
30 majority of the full board of trustees shall be required to enter into any contract, employ or dismiss
31 the chief administrative officer of the district, effect a merger or consolidation or approve a budget.

32 10. The board of trustees of a consolidated public library district shall adopt policies for the
33 government of the consolidated public library district that will carry out the spirit and intent of
34 sections 182.610 to 182.670, and the board shall employ a duly qualified graduate librarian as the
35 chief executive and administrative officer of the consolidated public library district charged with the
36 duty of carrying out the policies adopted by the board. The librarian shall serve at the pleasure of
37 the board. The librarian shall have the authority to employ professional library assistants and other
38 employees to fill the positions that are created by the board. The assistants and employees may be
39 dismissed by the librarian.

1 11. For a consolidated public library district established under sections 182.610 to 182.670
 2 that has an assessed valuation of more than two hundred fifty million dollars, trustees shall be
 3 elected as follows:

4 (1) Each county required to elect library board trustees under this subsection shall follow all
 5 applicable provisions of state law governing elections in chapter 115;

6 (2) The election for the library board of trustees and each candidate for library board trustee
 7 shall be nonpartisan;

8 (3) The first election for elected library board trustees shall occur on the general municipal
 9 election day in April of 2025. Subsequent elections for library board trustees shall occur only on the
 10 general municipal election day; and

11 (4) Trustees elected under this subsection shall serve a four-year term, except that the initial
 12 trustees elected under this subsection shall serve staggered terms as determined by the counties as
 13 follows:

14 (a) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of one year;

15 (b) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of two years; and

16 (c) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of three years."; and

17
 18 Further amend said bill, Page 7, Section 182.645, Line 36, by inserting after all of said section and
 19 line the following:

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 21 "182.707. 1. (1) An urban public library district created under the provisions of sections
 22 182.701 to 182.723 shall be governed by a board of trustees which shall consist of nine members.
 23 The initial board of trustees shall be appointed by the board of directors of the nine director urban
 24 school district, no later than fifteen business days following an election approving creation of an
 25 urban public library district. The new board of trustees shall meet and organize within ten days of
 26 appointment, or as soon after as reasonably practicable. Except as otherwise provided in
 27 subdivision (2) of this subsection, after the initial appointments, successor trustees shall be
 28 appointed by the mayors of the three cities in which the greatest portion of the geographic area of
 29 the new urban public library district is located. Seven trustees shall be appointed by the mayor of
 30 the city in which the greatest percentage of the geographic area served is located. The mayor of
 31 each of the other two cities shall be entitled to appoint one member of the board of trustees. The
 32 mayor of the city comprising the third largest geographic area shall be authorized to appoint one
 33 board member two years following the initial appointment. The mayor of the city serving the
 34 second largest geographic area shall be authorized to appoint one member four years after the initial
 35 appointment.

36 (2) Beginning August 28, 2024, urban public library district trustees shall be elected as
 37 provided in subsection 10 of this section.

38 2. Of the nine members initially appointed to the board of trustees pursuant to subsection 1
 39 of this section, two shall serve for two years, three shall serve for three years and four shall serve for

1 four years. At the time of the organizational meeting of the initial library board appointed by the
2 board of education, the nine appointed members shall decide by drawing lots which shall serve for
3 two, three or four years. After the initial members of the board of trustees have been appointed in
4 the manner set forth above, members shall be appointed to serve terms of four years, except that a
5 member appointed to fill a vacancy in a term of office shall be appointed to serve only the remainder
6 of that term. Each member appointed shall serve until his successor in office is appointed and
7 qualified.

8 3. Each member of the board of trustees shall be at least twenty-five years of age and shall
9 be a resident of the urban public library district and shall have resided within the state of Missouri
10 for at least one year next preceding his or her appointment.

11 4. Vacancies in the board of trustees occasioned by removals, resignations, or otherwise
12 shall be reported to the mayor of the appropriate appointing city, and shall be filled in like manner as
13 original appointment; except that, if the vacancy occurs during an unexpired term, the appointment
14 shall be for only the unexpired portion of that term.

15 5. No trustee shall receive any fee, salary, gratuity or other compensation or remuneration
16 for acting as such, except that the board of trustees may reimburse its members for actual and
17 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

18 6. The board of trustees shall have a president, secretary, and a treasurer and such other
19 officers as the board may select. All officers of the board of trustees shall be selected by the board.
20 All officers of the board of trustees shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall not receive any
21 salary, gratuity or other compensation or reimbursement for acting as such, except the treasurer, who
22 may also serve as secretary.

23 7. The board of trustees shall provide for regularly scheduled meetings of the board to be
24 held monthly. The board of trustees shall make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations governing
25 the proceedings of the board, including bylaws prescribing the duties of each officer of the board of
26 trustees. No bylaws, rules or regulations shall be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any provision of
27 law.

28 8. A majority of the full board of trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
29 business. An act of the majority of the trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present
30 shall be the act of the board of trustees, except as hereinafter provided. The affirmative vote of a
31 majority of the full board of trustees shall be required to enter into any contract, employ or dismiss
32 the chief administrative officer of the district, effect a merger or consolidation or approve a budget.

33 9. The board of trustees of an urban public library district shall adopt policies for the
34 government of the urban public library district that will carry out the spirit and intent of sections
35 182.701 to 182.723, and the board of trustees shall employ a chief executive as administrative
36 officer of the urban public library district charged with the duty of carrying out the policies adopted
37 by the board of trustees. The chief executive shall serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees.
38 The chief executive shall have the authority to employ professional library assistants and other

1 employees to fill the positions that are created by the board of trustees. The assistants and
2 employees may be dismissed by the chief executive.

3 10. (1) (a) If an urban public library district board of trustees adopts an order or ordinance
4 or receives a petition, signed by at least five percent of the number of registered voters of the urban
5 public library district voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for the board of trustees to
6 establish an elected board of trustees, the board of trustees shall, within thirty days of the adoption
7 of the order or ordinance or the receipt of the petition, notify the election authority with jurisdiction
8 over the urban public library district.

9 (b) Upon receiving such notification, the election authority shall submit the question of
10 whether to establish an elected board of trustees as provided by the order or ordinance or the petition
11 to the voters of the urban public library district on the next available general municipal election day.

12 (c) The question submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "Shall the _____
13 (insert urban public library district name) Board of Trustees change from an appointed board to an
14 elected board?".

15 (d) If a majority of the registered voters of the urban public library district voting on the
16 question approve the establishment of an elected board of trustees, the board of trustees shall
17 develop a final plan for the establishment of an elected board of trustees. If a majority of the
18 registered voters of the urban public library district voting on the question reject the establishment
19 of an elected board of trustees, no elected board of trustees shall be established.

20 (2) Within ninety days after the approval of the establishment of an elected board of
21 trustees, the board of trustees shall submit the final plan to the election authority with jurisdiction
22 over the urban public library district and immediately publish the final plan on the district's website
23 and by any other method allowed by law. The final plan shall contain at least the following
24 information:

25 (a) A summary of the final plan for establishing the elected board of trustees;

26 (b) A statement indicating whether the area served by the urban public library district will,
27 for board of trustee purposes, be divided into subdistricts, at-large districts, or a combination of
28 subdistricts and at-large districts and how many of each;

29 (c) A description of the area served by the urban public library district each newly elected
30 trustee will represent, with each subdistrict and at-large district represented by a number;

31 (d) The date of the election of each new trustee as provided in the final plan; and

32 (e) Any other information deemed necessary by the board of trustees.

33 (3) (a) On the first day available for candidate filing for the first general municipal election
34 occurring after the final plan for the establishment of the elected board of trustees is submitted to the
35 election authority, any qualified resident who has or will have resided in a subdistrict or at-large
36 district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day and who meets all
37 other applicable qualifications for the board of trustees established in sections 182.701 to 182.723
38 may file as a candidate for election to the board as a trustee representing such subdistrict or at-large
39 district.

1 (b) At the end of the time available for candidate filing, if no qualified resident of a
 2 subdistrict has filed as a candidate in that subdistrict, the election authority shall extend the time for
 3 candidate filing by seven additional days, and any qualified resident of the urban public library
 4 district who has or will have resided in the urban public library district for the year immediately
 5 preceding the general municipal election day and who meets all other applicable qualifications for
 6 the board of trustees established in sections 182.701 to 182.723 may file as a candidate for election
 7 to the board as a trustee representing that subdistrict.

8 (c) No urban public library district shall require a candidate to submit a petition signed by
 9 the registered voters of the urban public library district as a method of filing a declaration of
 10 candidacy. The election authority shall determine the validity of all declarations of candidacy.

11 (4) When the election is held on the general municipal election day, the candidates, one
 12 from each of the subdistricts or at-large districts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by the
 13 voters of that subdistrict shall be elected. Any candidate who is not a subdistrict resident but
 14 qualifies as a candidate as an urban public library district resident as provided in paragraph (b) of
 15 subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be elected by the voters of the urban public library district.
 16 Each trustee shall be elected to a term as provided in the final plan for the establishment of the
 17 elected board of trustees.

18 (5) Each trustee shall serve until a successor is elected or the trustee vacates the office.

19 (6) Except for a trustee who is not a subdistrict resident but is elected as an urban public
 20 library district resident to represent a subdistrict as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of
 21 this subsection, each trustee shall reside in the subdistrict the trustee represents during the trustee's
 22 term.

23 11. For an urban public library district established under sections 182.701 to 182.723 that
 24 elects trustees under subsection 10 of this section, such elections shall be conducted subject to the
 25 following additional requirements:

26 (1) Each urban public library district required to elect library board trustees under
 27 subsection 10 of this section shall follow all applicable provisions of state law governing elections
 28 in chapter 115;

29 (2) The election for the board of trustees and each candidate for board trustee shall be
 30 nonpartisan;

31 (3) The first election for elected board trustees shall occur on the general municipal election
 32 day immediately after the approval of the establishment of an elected board of trustees. Subsequent
 33 elections for board trustees shall occur only on the general municipal election day; and

34 (4) Trustees elected under subsection 10 of this section and this subsection shall serve a
 35 four-year term, except that the initial trustees elected shall serve staggered terms as determined by
 36 the urban public library district as follows:

37 (a) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of one year;

38 (b) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of two years; and

39 (c) Three trustees shall serve an initial term of three years."; and

1
2 Further amend said bill, Page 8, Section 182.819, Line 10, by inserting after all of said section and
3 line the following:
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5 "182.820. 1. For a public library or public library district that has an assessed valuation of
6 more than two hundred fifty million dollars and that is created by a contract or by any method other
7 than methods provided under this chapter, library board members shall be elected as follows:

8 (1) Each public library or public library district required to elect library board members
9 under this subsection shall follow all applicable provisions of state law governing elections in
10 chapter 115;

11 (2) The election for the library board and each candidate for library board member shall be
12 nonpartisan;

13 (3) The first election for elected library board shall occur on the general municipal election
14 day in April of 2025. Subsequent elections for library board members shall occur only on the
15 general municipal election day; and

16 (4) Members elected under this subsection shall serve a four-year term, except that the
17 initial members elected under this subsection shall be elected to staggered terms so that not more
18 than half of the members are elected in the same subsequent elections.

19 2. For a public library or public library district that has an assessed valuation of two hundred
20 fifty million dollars or less and that is created by a contract or by any method other than methods
21 provided under this chapter, trustees shall be elected as provided in subsection 3 of this section.

22 3. (1) (a) If the governing body of a public library or public library district adopts an order
23 or ordinance or receives a petition, signed by at least five percent of the number of registered voters
24 of the area served by the public library or the public library district voting in the last gubernatorial
25 election, calling for the governing body to establish an elected library board, the governing body
26 shall, within thirty days of the adoption of the order or ordinance or the receipt of the petition, notify
27 the election authority with jurisdiction over the public library or public library district.

28 (b) Upon receiving such notification, the election authority shall submit the question of
29 whether to establish an elected library board as provided by the order or ordinance or the petition to
30 the voters of the area served by the public library or the public library district on the next available
31 general municipal election day.

32 (c) The question submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "Shall the _____
33 (insert public library or public library district name) Library Board change from an appointed board
34 to an elected board?".

35 (d) If a majority of the registered voters of the area served by the public library or the public
36 library district voting on the question approve the establishment of an elected library board, the
37 governing body of the public library or the public library district shall develop a final plan for the
38 establishment of an elected library board. If a majority of the registered voters of the area served by

1 the public library or the public library district voting on the question reject the establishment of an
2 elected library board, no elected library board shall be established.

3 (2) Within ninety days after the approval of the establishment of an elected library board,
4 the governing body of the public library or the public library district shall submit the final plan to
5 the election authority with jurisdiction over the public library or the public library district and
6 immediately publish the final plan on the library's or district's website and by any other method
7 allowed by law. The final plan shall contain at least the following information:

8 (a) A summary of the final plan for establishing the elected library board;

9 (b) A statement indicating whether the territory served by the public library or the public
10 library district will, for library board purposes, be divided into subdistricts, at-large districts, or a
11 combination of subdistricts and at-large districts and how many of each;

12 (c) A description of the areas of the territory served by the public library or the public
13 library district each newly elected library board member will represent, with each subdistrict and at-
14 large district represented by a number;

15 (d) The date of the election of each new library board member as provided in the final plan;
16 and

17 (e) Any other information deemed necessary by the governing body of the public library or
18 the public library district.

19 (3) (a) On the first day available for candidate filing for the first general municipal election
20 occurring after the final plan for the establishment of the elected library board is submitted to the
21 election authority, any qualified resident who has or will have resided in a subdistrict or at-large
22 district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal election day and who meets all
23 other applicable qualifications for the library board established by a contract or by any method other
24 than methods provided under this chapter may file as a candidate for election to the library board as
25 a member representing such subdistrict or at-large district.

26 (b) At the end of the time available for candidate filing, if no qualified resident of a
27 subdistrict has filed as a candidate in that subdistrict, the election authority shall extend the time for
28 candidate filing by seven additional days, and any qualified resident of the area served by the public
29 library or the public library district who has or will have resided in the area served by the public
30 library or the public library district for the year immediately preceding the general municipal
31 election day and who meets all other applicable qualifications for the library board established by a
32 contract or by any method other than methods provided under this chapter may file as a candidate
33 for election to the library board as a member representing that subdistrict.

34 (c) No public library or the public library district shall require a candidate to submit a
35 petition signed by the registered voters of the area served by the public library or the public library
36 district as a method of filing a declaration of candidacy. The election authority shall determine the
37 validity of all declarations of candidacy.

38 (4) When the election is held on the general municipal election day, the candidates, one
39 from each of the subdistricts or at-large districts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by the

1 voters of that subdistrict shall be elected. Any candidate who is not a subdistrict resident but
2 qualifies as a candidate as a resident of the area served by the public library or as a public library
3 district resident as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be elected by
4 the voters of the public library or the public library district. Each member shall be elected to a term
5 as provided in the final plan for the establishment of the elected library board.

6 (5) Each member shall serve until a successor is elected or the member vacates the office.

7 (6) Except for a member who is not a subdistrict resident but is elected as a resident of the
8 area served by the public library or as a public library district resident to represent a subdistrict as
9 provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, each member shall reside in the
10 subdistrict the member represents during the member's term."; and

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12 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
13 accordingly.