

HB 2498 -- PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

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This bill requires public libraries with the authority to levy or collect taxes to be governed by an elected public library board.

The the board should consist of five members, and existing boards can maintain their current number of members, provided it is an odd number;

This bill specifies that elections for board members are to be held only on the general election day, with no primary elections for board members.

The bill specifies that board members serve a term of two years. The candidates must be at least 18 years old and should not have pled guilty to or been convicted of offenses prohibiting their presence in a public library. A candidate may declare a political party affiliation for the ballot, and those who don't will be listed as Independent.

This bill also requires the board to perform specific duties, including oversight and final approval or rejection of materials, personnel, events, and infrastructure projects related to public library facilities.