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SENATE BILL 353

Short Title: Appt. State Library Members.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Cochrane, Block, Conder; and Seymour.

Referred to: Travel, Tourism and Cultural Resources.

March 28, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143B-91 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-91. State Library Commission – members; selection; quorum; compensation.

(a) The State Library Commission shall consist of ~~11~~ 15 members. All members shall have an interest in the development of library and information services in North Carolina. Six ~~Eight~~ members shall be appointed by the Governor. ~~Governor and the other five members shall be the following officers of the North Carolina Library Association: President; Chairman of the Public Libraries Section; Chairman of the College and University Section; Chairman of the Junior College Section; and Chairman of the North Carolina Association of School Libraries Section.~~ One member shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Three members shall be appointed by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association. Two members shall be the President and the President-elect of the North Carolina Library Association or two appointees as determined by the North Carolina Library Association's Board of Directors. The State Librarian shall be an ex officio member and act as secretary to the Commission.

~~Members of the State Library Committee appointed by the Governor shall continue as members of the State Library Commission for the remainder of the terms to which appointed. Thereafter all appointments by the Governor shall be for six year terms. All appointments shall be for four-year terms with eight of the commissioners taking office~~

1 on the first four-year cycle and seven commissioners taking office on the second four-
2 year cycle. Any appointment to fill a vacancy in one of the positions appointed by the
3 Governor-Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Speaker of the House of Representatives
4 shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Officers of the North Carolina Library
5 Association shall serve as members of the Commission for the duration of their terms as
6 officers of the Association. Appointees shall not serve more than two successive four-
7 year terms.

8 The Governor shall choose a ~~chairman~~ chairperson from among the ~~members of the~~
9 ~~Commission-gubernatorial appointees.~~ The ~~chairman~~ chairperson shall serve not more
10 than two successive two-year terms as ~~chairman~~ chair.

11 Members of the Commission shall receive per diem and necessary travel and
12 subsistence expenses as provided in G.S. 138-5.

13 A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
14 business.

15 All clerical and other services required by the Commission shall be supplied by the
16 Secretary of Cultural Resources.

17 The Commission shall meet at least twice a year.

18 (b) There shall be standing committees established to advise the Secretary of
19 Cultural Resources, the Commission, and the State Librarian. These committees shall
20 be: Public Library Development; Interlibrary Cooperation; State Government
21 Information Services; State Library Development; and any other committee deemed
22 appropriate. Each committee shall be composed of a committee chairperson and at least
23 six persons appointed annually by the Secretary of Cultural Resources with the approval
24 of the Commission. At least one of the members of each committee shall be a member
25 of the Commission. Each committee shall report to the Commission at least once a
26 year."

27 Sec. 2. In order to provide for a transition to the new number of
28 commissioners and assure the necessary rotation of members, the following
29 appointment cycle is established:

30 (a) All members of the State Library Commission at the time of the
31 enactment of this bill shall remain on the Commission for the remainder of their terms
32 except Commissioners who are members through election as President of the North
33 Carolina Library Association and Chair of the following sections of the North Carolina
34 Library Association: Public Library Section, College and University Section, Junior
35 College Section, and President of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians.
36 The terms of these Commissioners shall expire June 30, 1991.

37 (b) On July 1, 1991, the Governor shall appoint two persons to full four-year
38 terms and two persons to two-year terms. The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one
39 person to a full four-year term. The Speaker of the House shall appoint one person to a
40 full four-year term. Two appointees of the North Carolina Public Library Directors
41 Association shall begin a two-year term. One appointee of the North Carolina Public
42 Library Directors Association shall begin a full four-year term. The President and Vice-
43 president of the North Carolina Library Association or two appointees of the North
44 Carolina Library Association shall begin a two-year term.

1 (c) On July 1, 1993, the Governor shall appoint four persons to full four-year
2 terms. Two appointees of the North Carolina Library Public Library Directors
3 Association shall begin full four-year terms. The President and Vice-president or two
4 appointees of the North Carolina Library Association shall begin full four-year terms.

5 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.