

SENATE BILL 2601

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 3, relative to the establishment and maintenance of any independent free public library by the legislative body of any county and/or governing body of any city or town.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-3-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2), where a county legislative body and/or the governing body of a city or town, in lieu of giving support to a free public library already established, or of contracting with another library for library service, or of contracting with other counties and/or cities for joint operation of a free public library, establishes an independent free library of its own, it shall appoint a board of not less than seven (7) nor more than eleven (11) members. Not more than one (1) official each of the county or the city governing bodies shall serve on this board. The members shall serve without salary, at least three (3) for one (1) year, two (2) for two (2) years, and two (2) for three (3) years. If the board expands to more than seven (7) members as provided in this subdivision (a)(1), the additional members shall be appointed by the county legislative body and/or the governing body of a city or town to terms of one (1), two (2) or three (3) years. All successors shall serve for terms of three (3) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.