



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3375.15 School district free public library - appointment of trustees.

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(A) In any school district in which a free public library has been established by resolution adopted by the board of education of such school district prior to September 4, 1947, or by resolution adopted by the board of education of such school district under section 3375.151 of the Revised Code after the effective date of this amendment but prior to January 1, 2014, such library shall be under the control and management of a board of library trustees consisting of seven members. No one is eligible to membership on such board of library trustees who is or has been for a year previous to appointment a member of a board of education making such appointment. A majority of the trustees shall be qualified electors of the school district, but a minority may be qualified electors of the county who reside outside the school district, and all shall be appointed by the board of education of the school district.

(B) The trustees shall serve without compensation. Trustees appointed prior to the effective date of this amendment shall serve for a term of seven years. Trustees appointed on or after that date shall serve for a term of four years. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all vacancies on the board of library trustees shall be filled by the board of education by appointment for the unexpired term. The board of library trustees shall organize in accordance with section 3375.32 of the Revised Code. The board of library trustees shall have the control and management of the school district free public library and in the exercise of such control and management shall be governed by sections 3375.33 to 3375.41 of the Revised Code. This section does not affect the term of any member of a board of library trustees of a school district free public library appointed prior to September 4, 1947.

(C) The board of education shall make appointments to the board of library trustees not later than forty-five days after the date a member's term expires or after the date a vacancy occurs, whichever is applicable. If the board of education does not make an appointment by that time, the appointment shall be made within the next fourteen days by the probate court of the county in which the library is situated.