

that before such tax be laid, or such library established, the decision of the said governing board be ratified by a majority of the votes cast at a regular municipal election.

1898, ch. 515.

87 B. Whenever the governing board of any municipality shall vote to establish a public library, they shall notify the proper officers that public notice may be given, that at the next municipal election a vote will be taken as to the ratification of such decision; and that on the official ballot at said election there shall be placed spaces headed, "for the establishment of a public library," and "against the establishment of a public library."

Ibid.

87 c. When any municipality shall have voted to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under this sub-title the chief executive officer of such municipality shall appoint, with the approval of the municipal governing board, a board of nine directors for said library, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office, and not more than one member of the said governing board shall be at any one time a member of said board of directors.

Ibid.

87 D. Said directors shall be known as the "library board," and shall hold office one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years from the first of January following their appointment, and until their successors are chosen, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for the respective terms and annually thereafter the chief executive officer of the municipality shall, before the first of January of each year, appoint as before three directors, to take the place of the retiring directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The chief executive officer of the municipality may, by and with the consent of the governing board, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Ibid.

87 E. Vacancies in the board of directors occasioned by removal, resignation or otherwise, shall be reported to the chief executive