

170. For each county in which a county library shall have been established and is operating under this sub-title, the Governor shall appoint a Board of Library Trustees, except as herein otherwise provided. Said Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, who shall be chosen solely with regard to their fitness for the position, except that no person shall be so appointed, or hold office, if he is, or would be, in any manner subject to its authority. Of the Board of Library Trustees first appointed for any county, one member shall be appointed for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, one for five (5) years, one for six (6) years, and one for seven (7) years. Thereafter, each appointment shall regularly be for a period of seven (7) years. Vacancies on the Board, for whatever reason caused, shall be promptly reported to the Governor by the remaining members thereof, or may be reported by any interested resident of the county. The Governor shall forthwith name an appointee to serve the balance of the unexpired term. The Trustees may be removed from office by the Governor, for inefficiency, misconduct in office, or wilful neglect of duty.

Members of the Board of Library Trustees shall serve without pay. They shall meet at least once every three months, and at their first meeting following their appointment they shall organize by the election of officers.

171. (1). The Board of Library Trustees in any county shall have the following general powers and duties:

(a) To adopt by-laws for the conduct of its business, and to choose its own officers;

(b) To make reasonable rules and regulations for the use of the library;

(c) To have general control of the library staff, including powers of appointment, dismissal, and the fixing of salaries;

(d) To supervise the use of and have custody of all property used for library purposes;

(e) To develop library services throughout the county, by such means as stations, branch libraries, and book-mobiles;

(f) To make annual reports as to the operation and conduct of the library as hereinafter prescribed;

(g) To perform all other acts necessary for the proper control of the library.

(2). The Board of Library Trustees in any county shall have powers and duties as to finances, as follows:

(a) To receive all moneys and to control and make all expenditures from the Public Library Fund, for the purposes of this sub-title.