

**SB26 ENGROSSED**



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2 V7W3FPV-2  
3 By Senator Elliott  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
5 First Read: 13-Jan-26  
6 PFD: 04-Dec-25



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5 A BILL  
6 TO BE ENTITLED  
7 AN ACT

9 Relating to libraries; to amend Sections 11-90-2 and  
0 11-90-4, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the  
1 appointment of county and municipal library boards; to provide  
2 reporting requirements; and to make nonsubstantive, technical  
3 revisions to update the existing code language to current  
4 style.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16                   Section 1. Sections 11-90-2 and 11-90-4, Code of  
17                   Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

18 "§11-90-2



29 respective appointing authority and may be removed at any time  
30 by a two-thirds vote of the appointing authority. The terms of  
31 membership on the library board, as first appointed, for one  
32 member shall be for one year, for the second member shall be  
33 for two years, for the third member shall be for three years,  
34 and for the remaining two members the terms shall be for four  
35 years. After the first term, all appointments shall be for  
36 four years.

37       (d) The county commission or respective governing body  
38 shall fill all vacancies, including expired and unexpired  
39 terms.

40       (e) Members of the library board shall serve without  
41 compensation.

42       (f) Each appointing authority shall coordinate its  
43 appointments to assure the membership of the local library  
44 board is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender,  
45 geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the  
46 state."

47       "§11-90-4

48       (a) In lieu of establishing or maintaining free public  
49 libraries exclusively for a single county or municipality in  
50 the manner provided in this chapterSection 11-90-2, the  
51 library board of any county or municipality free public  
52 library may contract, in behalf of the political unit  
53 represented by such local library board, to and with the  
54 library board of another political unit or governmental agency  
55 or instrumentality with respect to the establishment or  
56 maintenance of establish and maintain a joint library service



57      upon such on the terms as may be agreed upon by the several  
58      contracting parties.

59      (b) Where there is no existing public library, the  
60      power thus to contract shall vest in the a county commission  
61      of the county or the governing body of the a municipality may  
62      contract with the governing body of another political unit to  
63      establish and maintain a joint library. Included in the power  
64      conferred is the determination of the basis and personnel of  
65      representation of the local political units on the joint  
66      library board administering the joint library service  
67      established under this section.

68      (c) In establishing a joint library, the contracting  
69      parties may determine the size and appointing authorities of  
70      the joint library board.

71      (d) Such A joint library board, when appointed,  
72      appointed pursuant to this section shall have the powers and  
73      duties granted by this chapter to county or municipal library  
74      boards. Each joint library board member shall serve at the  
75      pleasure of his or her respective appointing authority and may  
76      be removed at any time by a two-thirds vote of the appointing  
77      authority. County and municipal library boards or joint  
78      library boards shall have the power to cooperate with all  
79      state and federal agencies and institutions in furtherance of  
80      the purpose of this chapter, and all municipal, county and  
81      joint library boards shall from time to time submit such  
82      records and reports as may be required by the public library  
83      service; provided, that nothing

84      (e) Nothing in this section shall be so construed as to



85      infringe upon any municipal charter provisions governing the  
86      administration of existing free public libraries."

87            Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
88      1, 2026.



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91 Senate

92 Read for the first time and referred .....13-Jan-26  
93 to the Senate committee on County  
94 and Municipal Government  
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96 Read for the second time and placed .....29-Jan-26  
97 on the calendar:  
98 1 amendment  
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101 as amended  
102 Yeas 26  
103 Nays 6  
104 Abstains 1  
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107 Patrick Harris,  
108 Secretary.  
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