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1 AN ACT Relating to regional law libraries; and amending RCW
2 27.24.062 and 27.24.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.24.062 and 1992 c 62 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Two or more counties each with a population of from eight thousand
7 to less than one hundred twenty-five thousand at the time of creation
8 of the regional law library may, by agreement of the respective law
9 library boards of trustees as described in RCW 27.24.020(2), create a
10 regional law library and establish and maintain one principal law
11 library at such location as the regional board of trustees may
12 determine will best suit the needs of the users: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
13 That there shall be at all times a law library in such size as the
14 board of trustees may determine necessary to be located at the
15 courthouse where each superior court is located.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.24.020 and 1992 c 62 s 2 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Unless a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW

1 27.24.062, every county with a population of three hundred thousand or
2 more must have a board of law library trustees consisting of five
3 members to be constituted as follows: The chairman of the county
4 legislative authority is an ex officio trustee, the judges of the
5 superior court of the county shall choose two of their number to be
6 trustees, and the members of the county bar association shall choose
7 two members of the bar of the county to be trustees.

8 (2) Unless a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW
9 27.24.062, every county with a population of eight thousand or more but
10 less than three hundred thousand must have a board of law library
11 trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The
12 chairman of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee,
13 the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of
14 their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar
15 association shall choose three members of the county to be trustees.
16 If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county
17 shall choose three of their number to be trustees.

18 (3) If a county has a population of less than eight thousand, then
19 the provisions contained in RCW 27.24.068 shall apply to the
20 establishment and operation of the county law library.

21 (4) If a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062,
22 then it shall be governed by one board of trustees. The board shall
23 consist of the following representatives from each county: The judges
24 of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to
25 be a trustee, the county legislative authority shall choose one of
26 their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar
27 association shall choose one member of the bar of the county to be a
28 trustee. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of
29 the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee.

30 (5) The term of office of a member of the board who is a judge is
31 for as long as he or she continues to be a judge, and the term of a
32 member who is from the bar is four years. Vacancies shall be filled as
33 they occur and in the manner directed in this section. The office of
34 trustee shall be without salary or other compensation. The board shall
35 elect one of their number president and the librarian shall act as
36 secretary, except that in counties with a population of eight thousand
37 or more but less than three hundred thousand, the board shall elect one

1 of their number to act as secretary if no librarian is appointed.
2 Meetings shall be held at least once per year, and if more often, then
3 at such times as may be prescribed by rule.

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