

**SENATE BILL No. 205**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the regional system of cooperating libraries;  
2 amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-2550 and repealing the existing  
3 section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-2550 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 75-2550. The system board shall consist of one or more  
8 representatives selected by each of the boards participating in the regional  
9 system, and one or more representatives appointed by the ~~governor~~ *state*  
10 *librarian* to represent territory not within the district of participating  
11 library board but within the territory of the regional system of cooperating  
12 libraries. The petition provided for in K.S.A. 75-2549, and amendments  
13 thereto, may propose the number of representatives of each such board, but  
14 the determination thereof shall be made by the state board when approving  
15 such petition. The state board shall consider any petition presented to it as  
16 provided in this act and if it approves such petition it shall adopt a  
17 resolution officially designating such particular regional system of  
18 cooperating libraries and describing the territory thereof which shall  
19 include one or more counties but shall exclude the territory of any taxing  
20 district which regularly levies .25 or more mills of tax for the support of a  
21 public library upon the request of the governing body of the district  
22 making such levy. Any district so excluded may later petition to be added  
23 to and included in the regional system of cooperating libraries from which  
24 it was excluded and such petition shall be prepared and processed as other  
25 petitions provided for by this act. Additional counties may be added to the  
26 territory of any regional system of cooperating libraries upon petition by a  
27 library board located in such county and such a petition shall be prepared  
28 and processed as is provided in this act for initial petitions; except that the  
29 prior approval in writing of a petition under this sentence shall be obtained  
30 by the petitioning board from the regional board and attached to the  
31 petition when submitted to the state board. Within two weeks after  
32 receiving notice of approval of a petition provided for under this act the  
33 board of each participating library and the ~~governor~~ *state librarian* shall  
34 select the number of representatives determined by the state board and  
35 shall certify the names and addresses of such representatives to the state  
36 ~~librarian~~ *board*. The term of each such representative may be proposed in

1 the petition provided under K.S.A. 75-2549, and amendments thereto, but  
2 shall not exceed four years, and the final determination of duration of  
3 terms shall be made by the state board at the time of approval of the  
4 petition.

5 Any taxing district which regularly levies .25 mill or more of tax for  
6 the support of a public library, and which taxing district has been included  
7 in a regional system, may petition to be excluded from the regional  
8 system. Such petition shall be made and presented to the state board. The  
9 state board shall consider any such petition and if such taxing district  
10 meets the requirement for making such a petition and if excluding such  
11 taxing district from the regional system will do no manifest harm thereto,  
12 the state board may enter its order excluding and detaching such taxing  
13 district from the regional system and making such adjustment to the  
14 organization of such regional system as may be appropriate to continue the  
15 operation of the regional system without interruption.

16 The system board shall have the authority and power to: (1) Operate a  
17 system of library service to and for participating libraries; (2) the system  
18 board may purchase service from a participating library for the benefit of  
19 the regional system of cooperating libraries; (3) the system board may  
20 contribute to or receive contribution from any participating library, and  
21 may receive and utilize any gift of funds or property donated to the  
22 regional system of cooperating libraries; (4) the system board may  
23 contract with any one or more participating libraries and the board of each  
24 participating library is hereby authorized to contract with the system board  
25 or with any one or more other boards, but any such contract shall provide  
26 that the same shall not take effect until approved by the state librarian; (5)  
27 the system board may contract with any other system board or any board,  
28 but any such contract shall provide that the same shall not take effect until  
29 approved by the state librarian; and (6) employ a system librarian and  
30 such other persons as the regional board may find convenient or necessary.

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-2550 is hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
33 publication in the statute book.