

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 181

TO AMEND THE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM LAW; AND TO AMEND THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 181

Amend Senate Bill 181 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE
LIBRARIAN; TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN; AND
TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL
LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-2-204(b), concerning the State
Librarian, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, The



the State Librarian shall be a person of good professional standing and reputation, holding at least a master's degree from a graduate school of library science accredited by the American Library Association, and shall have had experience in library administration in academic, public, school, or special libraries.

(2) Work experience in the field of library science may be substituted for a master's degree from a graduate school of library science accredited by the American Library Association if approved by the board.

(3) The requirements under subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall not disqualify the library from receiving state funds.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-2-905(c)(2), concerning the regional library directors for regional library systems, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this section, The the director shall have a master's degree from an accredited American Library Association program.

(B) Work experience in the field of library operations may be substituted for a master's degree from an accredited program in library operations if approved by the regional library system board of trustees employing the director.

(C) The requirements under subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this section shall not disqualify a regional library system from receiving state funds."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
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