

## CHAPTER 12

### LIBRARIES

#### Sub-Chapter A

##### In General

###### SECTION 12:1. ASSUMPTION PARISH LIBRARY ESTABLISHED

In accordance with authority vested in the Police Jury of the Parish of Assumption by Act 36 of 1926, there is hereby established the Assumption Parish Public Library, said library to be located at the Parish Seat, Napoleonville, Louisiana. (Ordinance of July 11, 1967)

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**Comment** -- Act No. 36 of 1926, cited in the above Section, has been codified in the Revised Statutes as LRS 25:211 et seq. It provides the basic authority for police juries to establish public libraries, and governs their financing, operation, etc.

###### SECTION 12:2. EXPENSES OF OPERATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED PARISHWIDE

The Parish Public Library shall be equipped, maintained, operated and supported at the expense of the entire parish, including the incorporated towns therein, and all taxes levied and assessed, whether general or special, for its establishment, support and maintenance, shall be borne proportionately by all, including those within incorporated municipalities. (Ordinance of July 11, 1967)

###### SECTION 12:3. CREATION OF BOARD OF CONTROL TO GOVERN OPERATIONS

The Parish Public Library shall be governed by a Board of Control, of which the President of the Police Jury shall be an ex-officio member, and there shall be seven (7) other members, citizens of this parish. (Ordinance of July 11, 1967; as amended by Ordinance No. 85-11)

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**Comment** -- For requirement that police juries appoint a board of control to administer library operations, see LRS 25:214.

###### SECTION 12:4. DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD; EMPLOYMENT OF LIBRARIAN; ASSISTANTS, ETC.

The Board of Control shall meet and organize immediately after their appointment and annually thereafter and elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, whose duties shall be those customarily exercised by such officers. The Board of Control shall have authority to establish rules and regulations for its own government and that of the library not inconsistent with law; to elect and employ a librarian and, upon the recommendation and approval of the latter, to

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employ assistant librarians and other employees and fix their salaries and compensation; provided that no contract of employment shall be made for a longer period than four (4) years nor with any person as head librarian who has not been certificated by the State Board of Library Examiners as provided in LRS 25:222. The head librarian may be appointed or elected secretary of the board of control. (LRS 25:215)

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**Comment** -- The final paragraph of the ordinance creating the Parish Library provided, "That said Board of Control shall have all of the authority in respect to said Parish Public Library as is conferred on it by law." Rather than codify that statement, the above section was added reflecting the general powers and duties of library boards as provided in state law. See citation at the end of the section for the source.

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