

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1378

By: Matthews of the Senate

3 and

4 Nichols of the House

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6 An Act relating to libraries; amending 65 O.S. 2021,  
7 Section 155, which relates to city-county library  
8 commissions; making language gender neutral;  
9 modifying frequency of commission meetings; updating  
10 statutory language; providing an effective date; and  
11 declaring an emergency.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 65 O.S. 2021, Section 155, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 155. The city-county library commission shall elect its  
16 ~~chairman~~ chair from the appointed members and fill such other  
17 offices as its bylaws may establish. The term of the ~~chairman~~ chair  
18 shall be one (1) year. The commission shall ~~hold at least one~~  
19 ~~meeting each month~~ meet no fewer than six (6) times per year to  
20 transact necessary business, and all meetings shall be open to the  
21 public. It shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and  
22 keep a record of its functions and activities, which record shall be  
23 a public record. Six commissioners shall constitute a quorum for  
24 the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the  
commission. The commission may establish a schedule of fees to

1 cover various services rendered and may also contract with other  
2 persons and agencies for such services as it may require, including  
3 private legal counsel and private auditing service, within the  
4 limits of its appropriations, and may incur necessary expenses. The  
5 commission may contract for, receive, and utilize any grants or  
6 other financial assistance from the United States or from any other  
7 source, public or private, in furtherance of its functions; may  
8 incur necessary expenses in obtaining ~~said~~ such grants and/or  
9 financial assistance, within the limits of its appropriations; and  
10 shall receive and disburse such grants and/or other financial  
11 assistance in such manner as herein provided.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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