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Senate Bill 956 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Bill Bullard, Jr.
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 164 of 1877, which governs city, village, and township libraries, to provide that after the first appointments of the five-member board of directors for a public library and reading room, if a city council decided that the purposes of the library and reading room would be better served by a greater number of members on the board, the city council could by ordinance change the number of members to not fewer than five or more than nine. The term of office for each board member also could be changed by ordinance to a term of not less than two years or more than five years. If the term of office were changed by ordinance by a city council, the term of office for subsequent appointments by the mayor would have to be the same as prescribed by the ordinance.

Currently, when a city council decides to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under the Act, the mayor of the city must, with the approval of the city council, proceed to appoint a board of five directors for the library, chosen from the citizens at large; not more than one member of the city council may be at any one time a member of the library board. Other than the first members appointed, board members serve five-year terms.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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