

2021 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2157

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Sakakawea, State Capitol

SB 2157
1/22/2021

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-24.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to membership of the North Dakota library coordinating council.

Chairman Burckhard opened the hearing on SB 2157 at 9:01 a.m. All members present: Senator Burckhard, Senator Anderson, Senator Kannianen, Senator Oban, Senator Heitkamp, Senator Lee, Senator D. Larson.

Discussion Topics:

- Public and Private language clarification

[9:02] Senator Oban, District 35. Introduced SB 2157 and provided testimony #1750 in favor.

[9:04] Mary Soucie, State Librarian of North Dakota. Provided testimony #2175 in favor.

Senator Heitkamp moved **DO PASS**

Senator Kannianen seconded

Senators	Vote
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	Y
Senator Jason G. Heitkamp	Y
Senator Jordan Kannianen	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Erin Oban	Y

The motion passed 7-0-0

Senator Oban will carry SB 2157.

Additional written testimony: (1)

Stephanie A. Galeazzo, Director, McKenzie County Public Library. Provided written testimony #2161 in favor.

Chairman Burckhard closed the hearing on SB 2157 at 9:10 a.m.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2157: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Burckhard, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2157 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.



NORTH DAKOTA SENATE

STATE CAPITOL
600 EAST BOULEVARD
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0360



Senator Erin Oban

District 35
1319 Apache Street
Bismarck, ND 58501-2632

R: 701-955-3188
C: 701-527-1642
eoban@nd.gov

COMMITTEES:

Education
Political Subdivisions

SB 2157 – ND Library Coordinating Council

Hearing scheduled: January 22, 2021 | 9:00 am

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee, Sen. Burckhard, Chair

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Erin Oban, senator here in Bismarck's District 35. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you to introduce SB 2157, a bill I'm sponsoring at the request of the State Library. Our state librarian, Mary Soucie, is here with me today to provide any additional context or answer specific questions on the "why" or innerworkings of the Library Coordinating Council, but, generally speaking, they're running into challenges finding individuals who meet the specific requirements prescribed in law to serve.

Currently, the Library Coordinating Council consists of 11 members. The minor tweaks in the bill do not change the total number; just change some of those requirements for membership. I've outlined the changes in the table below:

Current make-up: 11 members	Make-up under SB 2157: 11 members
1 - President of Library Association (or designee)	1 - President of Library Association (or designee)
1 – State Librarian	1 – State Librarian
1 representing special libraries*	0
1 representing public higher ed institution	1 representing public/private higher ed institutions
1 representing private higher ed institution	
1 representing school libraries	Same - no change
2 representing public libraries	Same – no change
1 representing disabled, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations	Same – no change
2 citizens at large	Same – no change
	2 representing libraries, at large

*The definition of a special library is any library that is not a public, school, academic or national library. In ND, special libraries are medical, law, corrections, military or state agency libraries. State agency includes the North Dakota State Archives, the State Library and the Supreme Court Law Library (which is a law library of course and would fit in that category.) The other library that is considered a special library and doesn't quite fit in those categories is the Anne Carlsen Learning Center in Jamestown.

If you're interested in reviewing the power and duties of the Library Coordinating Council, they are outlined in Century Code [Chapter 54-24.4](#). I'm also providing, just as an FYI, the Council's current membership as listed on the Governor's [official website for Boards and Commissions](#).

Library Coordinating Council, North Dakota

Type of Board:	Advisory	Pay/Benefits:	State Rate
Voting Members:	10	Other Members:	0
Non-Voting Members:	1	Created by:	NDCC § 54-24.4
Length of Terms:	3 years, 2 term limit		
Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly		
Address:	604 East Boulevard Avenue Dept. 250 Bismarck, ND 58505		
Phone:	(701) 328-4654		
Fax:	(701) 328-2040		
Website:	www.library.nd.gov/coordinatingcouncil.html		
Email:	msoucic@nd.gov		
Contact:	Mary Soucie or Cheryl Pollert		

The Council assist in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of North Dakota libraries. The governor appoints two representatives from public libraries; one from a school library; one from a public higher education institution library; one from a private higher education institution library; one from a special library (law or medical); one to represent disabled economically disadvantaged, and minority populations; and two citizens at large. No member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms.

Member Name	Position	Work	County	Appt. Date	Term Ends
Asselin, Stephanie	Disabled Representative	(701) 444-3785	McKenzie	9/30/2019	6/30/2021
Camisa, Jr, Joseph	Citizen at Large	(701) 751-4971		7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Dirks, Timothy	Public Library - Fargo	(701) 241-1493	Cass	12/21/2014	6/30/2023
Dockter, Sally	Public Higher Education	(701) 777-4640	Grand Forks	9/30/2019	6/30/2022
Lund, Traci	NDLA Appointee (Ex-Officio)	(701) 965-6305	Divide	10/6/2019	10/5/2022
Matthews, Jason	Citizen at Large - Bismarck	(701) 471-0311	Burleigh	1/15/2016	6/30/2023
Nagle, Angie	School Libraries		McLean	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Oltz, Tammy	Special Libraries - Grand Forks	(701) 777-2653	Grand Forks	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Pryer, Jessica	Private Higher Education	(701) 349-5430	Dickey	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Sharp, Susie	Public Libraries - Eddy	(701) 947-5540		9/13/2013	6/30/2021
Soucie, Mary	Ex-Officio	(701) 328-4654	Burleigh		Open

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my testimony. I would stand for any questions, and, if none, request a Do Pass on SB 2157.

**TESTIMONY ON SB2157
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS COMMITTEE
MARY J. SOUCIE
NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARIAN
msoucie@nd.gov
(701)328-4654**

Dear Chairman Burckhard & Members of the Committee,

For the record, I am Mary Soucie, State Librarian of North Dakota, and I am giving testimony in support of SB2157 relating to the membership of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is the State Library's advisory board and the ten members are appointed by the Governor. The three changes that this bill is addressing have been suggested by the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council jointly.

The current Private Higher Education Institution Library seat can only be filled by a practicing librarian from three institutions: Jamestown University, Trinity Bible College, and the University of Mary. The current Special Library seat can only be filled by a practicing librarian from ten institutions. We are asking to convert these two seats to At-Large Library seats that can be filled by any librarian in the state which will make it easier for those seats to be filled.

The third seat change is to the Public Higher Education Institution Library seat which will become the Higher Education Institution Library seat. This seat can then be filled by anyone from either a public or private institution which makes it clear that eligible institutions include NDUS institutions, the private institutions previously mentioned, and tribal colleges. These representation modifications will not replace the number of Council Members currently appointed to the board. We believe that this change will benefit the North Dakota Library Community by encouraging a larger pool of applicants for each appointment.

Thank you for your time today. I am happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.

Joseph A. Camisa, Jr.

208 10th Ave NE
Mandan, ND 58554

Phone: (701) 204-3402
Email: Joec@thetitleteam.com

Senator Randy Burckhard, Chairman
Political Subdivisions Committee
North Dakota Senate
Bismarck, ND 58504

Dear Chairman Burckhard and members of the Committee,

In my capacity as a private citizen and as one of the Citizens-at-Large appointees to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, I am honored to submit this letter in support of SB2157 relating to the membership change of the NDLCC.

As you are aware, the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council assists in the planning, coordinating, and evaluation of services and programs of North Dakota libraries. Since my appointment to the NDLCC by Governor Burgum in July of 2019, I have personally seen the positive contributions the Coordinating Council and State Librarian Mary Soucie have made in fulfilling the Council's mission to support the state library and those across North Dakota.

The Council's capacity to advise State Librarian Soucie and distribute library grants will only continue to be successful if its membership adequately represents the diverse needs of local libraries. I believe the recommended changes to NDCC 54-24.4-01 contained in SB2157 will create the necessary flexibility to ensure all Council positions will be filled in a timely manner to avoid vacancies while strengthening the voice of local libraries both large and small, public and private.

I urge the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee to pass a "Yes Vote" on SB2157. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above referenced phone number or email.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Camisa, Jr.

Joseph A. Camisa, Jr.



Senator Randall A. Burckhard, Chair
Political Subdivisions Committee

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council
North Dakota Library Association
McKenzie County Public Library

Friday, January 22, 2021

Support for SB2157, Relating to membership of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council

As current Chair of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, I can attest to the importance of ensuring all positions on the Council are filled and the historical difficulty that has been experienced in achieving a full Council. By amending and reenacting section 54-24.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to membership of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, it would be easier to fill openings on said council.

Currently, there are only three libraries that fall under the Private Education classification and ten that fall under the Special classification. The limited availability of libraries that fall under these groupings provides from a significantly smaller group of applicants when an opening on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council becomes available. With your support of SB2157, the available positions on the Council would be restructured to allow for a larger applicant pool and the opportunity for librarians to further serve our great state of North Dakota.

In expanding the opportunities for North Dakota librarians to serve on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, we are furthering the opportunities to strengthen the Council through the inclusion of new ideas and viewpoints. I urge the committee to pass SB2157. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Galeazzo
McKenzie County Public Library—Library Director
North Dakota Library Coordinating Council—Chair
North Dakota Library Association—President-Elect

**McKenzie County
Public Library**
112 2nd Avenue Northeast
Watford City, ND 58854

Phone: (701) 444-3785
Fax: (701) 444-3730
sgaleazzo@co.mckenzie.nd.us

2021 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2157

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2157
3/5/2021

Relating to membership of the North Dakota library coordinating council

Chairman Dockter: (9:00). Opened the hearing.

Representatives	
Representative Jason Dockter	P
Representative Brandy Pyle	P
Representative Mary Adams	P
Representative Claire Cory	P
Representative Sebastian Ertelt	P
Representative Clayton Fegley	P
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	P
Representative Mary Johnson	A
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	P
Representative Donald Longmuir	P
Representative Dave Nehring	P
Representative Marvin E. Nelson	P
Representative Nathan Toman	A

Discussion Topics:

- Special library

Rep. Boschee: Introduced the bill.

Mary Soucie, State Librarian of North Dakota: Testimony #7413.

Rep. Nelson: Made a do pass motion.

Rep. Adams: Second the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative Mary Adams	Y
Representative Claire Cory	Y
Representative Sebastian Ertelt	N
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Mary Johnson	A
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Donald Longmuir	Y

Representative Dave Nehring	Y
Representative Marvin E. Nelson	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	A

10-1-2 carried

Rep. Cory: Will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

#7310

Chairman Dockter: (9:07). Closed the hearing.

Carmen Hickle, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2157: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2157 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY ON SB2157
HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS COMMITTEE
MARY J. SOUCIE
NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARIAN
msoucie@nd.gov
(701)328-4654

Dear Chairman Dockter & Members of the Committee,

For the record, I am Mary Soucie, State Librarian of North Dakota, and I am giving testimony in support of SB2157 relating to the membership of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is the State Library's advisory board and the ten members are appointed by the Governor. The three changes that this bill is addressing have been suggested by the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council jointly.

The current Private Higher Education Institution Library seat can only be filled by a practicing librarian from three institutions: Jamestown University, Trinity Bible College, and the University of Mary. The current Special Library seat can only be filled by a practicing librarian from ten institutions. We are asking to convert these two seats to At-Large Library seats that can be filled by any librarian in the state which will make it easier for those seats to be filled.

The third seat change is to the Public Higher Education Institution Library seat which will become the Higher Education Institution Library seat. This seat can then be filled by anyone from either a public or private institution which makes it clear that eligible institutions include NDUS institutions, the private institutions previously mentioned, and tribal colleges. These representation modifications will not replace the number of Council Members currently appointed to the board. We believe that this change will benefit the North Dakota Library Community by encouraging a larger pool of applicants for each appointment.

Thank you for your time today. I am happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.

Existing North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) Seats	# of Seats	Proposed NDLC Member Seats
State Librarian Ex Officio non-voting member	1	1 State Librarian Ex Officio non-voting member
North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Ex Officio voting member * The NDLA President, or their designee representing all NDLA members	1	1 North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Ex Officio voting member * The NDLA President, or their designee representing all NDLA members
Public Higher Education Institution Library	1	1 Higher Education Institution Library * Can be filled by either a public or private institution librarian (Converted from the Public Higher Education Institution Seat)
School Libraries *Practicing librarians representing k-12 schools	1	1 School Libraries * Practicing librarians representing k-12 schools
Public Libraries * Practicing librarians representing public libraries	2	2 Public Libraries * Practicing librarians representing public libraries
Special Populations Libraries (Disabled Representative) * Practicing librarian representing special populations	1	1 Special Populations Libraries * Practicing librarian representing special populations
Citizens at Large * Non-librarians or librarians representing all North Dakota Citizens	2	2 Citizens at Large * Non-librarians or librarians representing all North Dakota Citizens
Special Libraries	1	2 At Large Library * To be filled by any librarian in the state (Converted from the Private Higher Education seat and the Special Library Seat)
Private Higher Education Libraries	1	



NORTH DAKOTA SENATE

STATE CAPITOL
600 EAST BOULEVARD
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0360



Senator Erin Oban

District 35
1005 North First Street
Bismarck, ND 58501-3519

R: 701-955-3188
C: 701-527-1642

eoban@nd.gov

COMMITTEES:

Education
Political Subdivisions

SB 2157 – ND Library Coordinating Council

March 5, 2021 | 9:00 am

House Political Subdivisions Committee, Rep. Dockter, Chair

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Erin Oban, senator here in Bismarck's District 35. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you to introduce SB 2157, a bill I'm sponsoring at the request of the State Library. Our state librarian, Mary Soucie, is here with me today to provide any additional context or answer specific questions on the "why" or innerworkings of the Library Coordinating Council, but, generally speaking, they're running into challenges finding individuals who meet the specific requirements prescribed in law to serve.

Currently, the Library Coordinating Council consists of 11 members. The minor tweaks in the bill do not change the total number; just change some of those requirements for membership. I've outlined the changes in the table below:

Current make-up: 11 members	Make-up under SB 2157: 11 members
1 - President of Library Association (or designee)	1 - President of Library Association (or designee)
1 – State Librarian	1 – State Librarian
1 representing special libraries*	0
1 representing public higher ed institution	1 representing public/private higher ed institutions
1 representing private higher ed institution	
1 representing school libraries	Same - no change
2 representing public libraries	Same – no change
1 representing disabled, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations	Same – no change
2 citizens at large	Same – no change
	2 representing libraries, at large

*The definition of a special library is any library that is not a public, school, academic or national library. In ND, special libraries are medical, law, corrections, military or state agency libraries. State agency includes the North Dakota State Archives, the State Library and the Supreme Court Law Library (which is a law library of course and would fit in that category.) The other library that is considered a special library and doesn't quite fit in those categories is the Anne Carlsen Learning Center in Jamestown.

If you're interested in reviewing the power and duties of the Library Coordinating Council, they are outlined in Century Code [Chapter 54-24.4](#). I'm also providing, just as an FYI, the Council's current membership as listed on the Governor's [official website for Boards and Commissions](#).

Library Coordinating Council, North Dakota

Type of Board:	Advisory	Pay/Benefits:	State Rate
Voting Members:	10	Other Members:	0
Non-Voting Members:	1	Created by:	NDCC § 54-24.4
Length of Terms:	3 years, 2 term limit		
Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly		
Address:	604 East Boulevard Avenue Dept. 250 Bismarck, ND 58505		
Phone:	(701) 328-4654		
Fax:	(701) 328-2040		
Website:	www.library.nd.gov/coordinatingcouncil.html		
Email:	msoucic@nd.gov		
Contact:	Mary Soucie or Cheryl Pollert		

The Council assist in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of North Dakota libraries. The governor appoints two representatives from public libraries; one from a school library; one from a public higher education institution library; one from a private higher education institution library; one from a special library (law or medical); one to represent disabled economically disadvantaged, and minority populations; and two citizens at large. No member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms.

Member Name	Position	Work	County	Appt. Date	Term Ends
Asselin, Stephanie	Disabled Representative	(701) 444-3785	McKenzie	9/30/2019	6/30/2021
Camisa, Jr, Joseph	Citizen at Large	(701) 751-4971		7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Dirks, Timothy	Public Library - Fargo	(701) 241-1493	Cass	12/21/2014	6/30/2023
Dockter, Sally	Public Higher Education	(701) 777-4640	Grand Forks	9/30/2019	6/30/2022
Lund, Traci	NDLA Appointee (Ex-Officio)	(701) 965-6305	Divide	10/6/2019	10/5/2022
Matthews, Jason	Citizen at Large - Bismarck	(701) 471-0311	Burleigh	1/15/2016	6/30/2023
Nagle, Angie	School Libraries		McLean	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Oltz, Tammy	Special Libraries - Grand Forks	(701) 777-2653	Grand Forks	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Pryer, Jessica	Private Higher Education	(701) 349-5430	Dickey	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Sharp, Susie	Public Libraries - Eddy	(701) 947-5540		9/13/2013	6/30/2021
Soucie, Mary	Ex-Officio	(701) 328-4654	Burleigh		Open

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my testimony. I would stand for any questions, and, if none, request a Do Pass on SB 2157.