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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON LIBRARY BOARDS

House Bill 4018

Sponsor: Rep. Sue Rocca

**Committee: Local Government and
Urban Policy**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4018 AS INTRODUCED 1-26-99

House Bill 4018 would amend Public Act 138 of 1917, the law authorizing the creation of county libraries and their boards. The bill would allow a county board of commissioners to appoint up to two members who are county commissioners, and would require that those appointees have the same voting rights as other members of the library board.

The current law specifies that to administer the county library fund, there must be a library board consisting of between five and seven members (depending on the size of the county), appointed by the county board of commissioners for terms of five years each. In counties having more than one million people, the superintendent of the intermediate school district or the superintendent's designee must be a member of the library board. Under the law, the library board is a corporate body and has the authority to contract for the leasing, construction, or maintenance of buildings and land in order to conduct the county library service.

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