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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 5. Law Libraries [6300 - 6363] (*Chapter 5 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 452.)*

ARTICLE 1. Boards of Law Library Trustees [6300 - 6307] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 452.)*

6300. There is in each county of this State a board of law library trustees, which governs the law library established for the county under the provisions of this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 452.*)

6301. (a) Except as otherwise provided by statute, a board of law library trustees is constituted as follows:

- (1) In a county where there are no more than three judges of the superior court, each of those judges is ex officio a trustee. The judges may at their option select only one of their number to serve as a trustee, and in that event they shall appoint two additional trustees who are residents of the county or members of the State Bar.
- (2) In a county where there are more than three judges of the superior court, the judges of that court shall elect either four or five of their number to serve as trustees.
- (3) Any judge of the superior court who is an ex officio or elected member may, at the judge's option, designate a resident of the county or a member of the State Bar to act for the judge as trustee.
- (4) The chair of the board of supervisors is ex officio a trustee, but the board of supervisors at the request of the chair may appoint a member of the State Bar, any other member of the board of supervisors of the county, or a resident of the county to serve as trustee in place of the chair. The appointment of the person selected in place of the chair of the board of supervisors shall expire when a new chair of the board of supervisors is selected, and that appointment shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 6302.
- (5) The board of supervisors shall appoint as many additional trustees, who are members of the State Bar, as may be necessary to constitute a board of at least six and not more than seven members.

(b) No more than two law library trustees may be residents of the county who are not judges of the county, members of the State Bar, or members of the board of supervisors of the county.

(*Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 52, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2002.*)

6301.1. Notwithstanding Section 6301, in San Diego County the board of law library trustees shall be constituted, as follows:

- (a) Up to five judges of the superior court, to be elected by and from the superior court judges of the county. Each superior court judge so elected shall serve a three-year term. In order to maintain overlapping terms, those judges holding office as of the date of unification of the municipal and superior courts of San Diego County shall remain in office until the expiration of their original terms.
- (b) The board of supervisors shall appoint up to four attorneys resident in the county to the board of law library trustees, to serve overlapping three-year terms. In order to stagger the appointments, the board of supervisors shall, in January of 1997, appoint one attorney to a one-year term, one attorney to a two-year term, and one attorney to a three-year term; and as each term expires, the new appointee shall thereafter serve three-year terms. At least one attorney appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be a member of the San Diego County Bar Association.
- (c) In the event a trustee cannot serve a full term, the appointing authority for that individual shall appoint another qualified person to complete that term. Interim appointments may be made by the board of law library trustees in accordance with Section 6305.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 332, Sec. 1.1. (SB 113) Effective January 1, 2010.)

6301.5. In any county where there are no more than three judges of the superior court, the board of supervisors, with the concurrence of the majority of the incumbent judges of the superior court, may reduce the number of law library trustees to not less than three members.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 52, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2002.)

6302. Appointments of trustees which are to be made by the board of supervisors of the county shall be made at the first meeting of the board of supervisors after the establishment of a law library in the county, the appointees to serve until the first meeting of the board of supervisors in the succeeding January. The board shall, at any such meeting in each succeeding January, appoint such trustees to serve for the term of one year.

(Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 452.)

6302.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in Los Angeles County appointments made by judges of the superior court shall be for a term of four years, and appointments made by the board of supervisors of the county shall be for a term of two years.

(b) The terms of no more than three judge-appointed members shall expire in the same year.

(c) The term of one member appointed by the board of supervisors shall expire each year.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 784, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2003.)

6303. The office of trustee is honorary, without salary or other compensation.

(Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 452.)

6304. Each board of law library trustees shall meet quarterly on a day it appoints, and any board may meet at other times as it appoints, at a place to be designated for that purpose. The president of the board may call a special meeting at any time for the transaction of necessary business. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for business, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members is required to exercise the powers of the board.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 51, Sec. 1. (AB 170) Effective July 2, 2024.)

6305. A board of law library trustees may remove any trustee, except an ex officio trustee, who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the board, and may fill all vacancies that from any cause occur in the board.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 332, Sec. 1.2. (SB 113) Effective January 1, 2010.)

6306. Each board shall appoint one of its number as president.

(Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 452.)

6307. Each board shall elect a secretary, who shall keep a full statement and account of all property, money, receipts and expenditures, and shall keep a record and full minutes in writing, with the ayes and noes at length, of all proceedings of the board.

Under the secretary's hand, the proceedings may be verified by an official seal adopted and provided by the board for that purpose.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 332, Sec. 1.3. (SB 113) Effective January 1, 2010.)