
DIGEST

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Perry

HB No. 883

Abstract: Abolishes the Vermilion Parish Law Library Commission and transfers the assets and obligations of the commission to the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control.

Present law creates the Vermilion Parish Law Library Commission to establish, maintain, and operate a law library for the members of the Vermilion Parish bar.

Present law provides that the commission shall be comprised of seven members: one district court judge and six attorneys, all presiding or practicing in Vermilion Parish.

Present law provides that the revenues of the commission are derived by adding a cost of \$4.50 to the filing fee for each civil case filed in district court in Vermilion Parish. Of the fee, \$4 is to be conveyed to the commission and \$.50 is to be retained by the clerk to defray administrative expenses incurred in collecting such fees.

Present law provides the commission with certain rights:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To acquire property necessary for the commission's maintenance and operation.
- (3) To incur debt in anticipation of revenues.
- (4) To accept gifts and donations
- (5) To establish rules and regulations in the conduct of its affairs.
- (6) To employ staff.
- (7) To require a bond for the handling of its funds.

Present law further provides that the commission shall operate entirely within the bounds of its revenues and shall not become a charge on the public of the parish or of the state.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law transfers the assets and liabilities of the commission to the Vermilion Parish

Library Board of Control, which oversees the parish library system.

(Repeals R.S. 25:295-295.3)