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Abstract: Authorizes library boards of control to hire a library director and establish qualifications for the position.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes library boards of control to establish rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for its own government and that of the library. Authorizes boards to elect and employ a librarian and assistant librarians and to fix salaries and compensation of librarian and assistant librarians.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits library boards of control from hiring a head librarian who has not been certified by the State Bd. of Library Examiners.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and authorizes library boards of control to hire a library director and establish the qualifications for the position. Authorizes the boards to require a certificate or permit from the State Bd. of Library Examiners as a qualification for the position of library director.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes library boards of control to provide that the library director shall serve as the head librarian. Provides that a head librarian who also serves as the library director is exempt from requirement for certification by the State Bd. of Library Examiners.

(Amends R.S. 25:215(A))