

GOVERNMENT CODE

CHAPTER 324. LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Sec. 324.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Library" means the Legislative Reference Library.

(2) "Board" means the Legislative Library Board.

(3) "Director" means the director of the library.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985.

Sec. 324.002. ESTABLISHMENT. The Legislative Reference Library is an independent agency of the legislature.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985.

Sec. 324.004. LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY BOARD. (a) The board controls and administers the library.

(b) The board consists of:

(1) the lieutenant governor;

(2) the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) the chairman of the house appropriations committee;

(4) two members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(5) one other member of the house appointed by the speaker.

(c) Members of the board serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings and performing official functions.

(d) Actual and necessary expenses are paid from funds appropriated to the board.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1328, Sec. 7, eff. June 21, 2003.

Sec. 324.005. DIRECTOR. (a) The board shall appoint a director to serve at the pleasure of the board.

(b) The board shall set the salary of the director.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 349, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Sec. 324.006. PERSONNEL. (a) The director, with the approval of the board, may employ professional and clerical personnel.

(b) The board shall set the salaries of the personnel employed by the director.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985.

Sec. 324.007. DUTIES. (a) The library shall be maintained for the use and information of members of the legislature, heads of state departments, and citizens of this state.

(b) The library shall contain, as may best be made available for legislative use, the following items:

(1) checklists and catalogues of current legislation in this and other states;

(2) catalogues of bills and resolutions presented in either house of the legislature;

(3) checklists of public documents in each state;

(4) checklists of all reports issued by each department, agency, board, or commission of this state; and

(5) digests of public laws of this and other states.

(c) The director and library employees shall provide any assistance requested by a member of the legislature in researching and preparing bills and resolutions.

(d) The board shall adopt rules necessary to ensure the library's efficient operation.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985.

Sec. 324.008. DISPOSITION OF DOCUMENTS. (a) The library is a depository library as defined by Section 1, Chapter 438, Acts of the 58th Legislature, 1963 (Article 5442a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), and shall receive state documents and publications from other states distributed by the Texas State Library.

(b) Each printed daily legislative journal, bill, resolution, or other legislative document shall be delivered daily to the library.

(c) At the close of each legislative session, each daily legislative journal, bill, or resolution possessed by the senate or house sergeant at arms shall be delivered to the library to be disposed of at the discretion of the director.

(d) The governing body of a state agency, as defined by Sections 2151.002(2)(A) and (C), shall deliver to the library immediately after transcription a certified copy of the minutes of any meeting of the governing body. Any changes or corrections to

the minutes shall also be delivered to the library.
Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 479, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1985. Amended
by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 281, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 324.009. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The board may accept
gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in
Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of
funding any activity under this chapter.

(b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an
open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the board and
reported in the public record of the board with the name of the
donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 617, Sec. 5, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 324.010. COPY COSTS; FORMAT. The library has
exclusive authority to determine the charge for copies or
reproduction of records in the custody of the library. The library
may reproduce records in a format such as CD-ROM, another
computer-readable format, or any other format determined by the
library and provide records in that format for a charge determined
by the library.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 428, Sec. 6, eff. Aug. 30, 1993.