

CHAPTER 148--H.F.No. 1455

An act relating to local government; making the Blue Earth County library board advisory to the county board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **BLUE EARTH COUNTY LIBRARY.**

The Blue Earth County Board shall be the authority over all aspects of the Blue Earth County library system except those authorities and responsibilities specifically assigned to the library board in this section or otherwise delegated to the library board from the county board. The county library board consisting of five members who reside in the county library service area shall be appointed by the county board. The county board shall be responsible for appointing a qualified library director and other staff as necessary, establishing the compensation of employees, and removing any of them for cause. The county board shall be the authority over and be responsible for the fiscal operations of the library board in all financial areas including, but not limited to, budgeting and receipt and expenditure of funds. The county board shall also be responsible as the legal authority over the library board. The library board shall be responsible for the establishment of policies and rules governing library operations, review of the annual operating budget and five-year capital plan for submission to the county board, development of long-range plans, and any other duties delegated to it by the county board. The library board shall be responsible for the acceptance of gift and trust funds and notifying the county board of the acceptance of those funds. The library board shall have the sole authority and discretion in maintaining and developing the collections of the library system. The library board shall also be responsible for the use of library meeting rooms.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after the governing body of Blue Earth County timely complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Presented to the governor March 21, 2014

Signed by the governor March 25, 2014, 1:25 p.m.