Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 455

An act relating to the Rupert J. Smith Law Library, St. Lucie County; amending ch. 2001-326, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing for the appointment of an additional member to the board of trustees; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1 of section 3 of chapter 2001-326, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2006-336, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Board of Trustees to be known as “Board of Trustees, Rupert J. Smith Law Library of Saint Lucie County,” which said board shall consist of five members; the membership of the said board shall consist of a Circuit Judge who is a resident of Saint Lucie County, to be designated by the Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, one member of the Board of County Commissioners of Saint Lucie County to be chosen by the said Board of County Commissioners biennially, two active practicing attorneys who reside in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Saint Lucie County, one to be appointed by the president of the Saint Lucie County Bar Association and one to be appointed by the president of the Port Saint Lucie Bar Association, and two lay members, one member to be appointed by the president of the Friends of Saint Lucie County Library Association, Inc., and one to be appointed by the Board of Trustees, Rupert J. Smith Law Library of Saint Lucie County. At the time this act takes effect, two attorneys shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year. The Board of Trustees shall have full power and authority to establish, operate, and maintain one or more law library facilities within Saint Lucie County at such place or places as may, from time to time, be designated by said Board of Trustees; to prescribe rules and regulations as to its own functions and organization; and to prescribe and enforce rules and regulations as to the use, maintenance, and operation of said law library. Said Board of Trustees shall purchase books, furniture, equipment, and supplies either for cash or upon retained title or other contracts that shall be payable solely out of said law library fund and not otherwise.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 3, 2022.

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