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H.B. No. 2572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a public library to financially support the American Library Association.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AFFECTING LIBRARIES

Sec. 441.901. PROHIBITION AGAINST JOINING OR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (a) In this section, "public library" has the meaning assigned by Section 441.122.

(b) A public library, including a public school library, may not use public money to:

(1) become a member of the American Library Association;

(2) attend or participate in a training, conference, or other event sponsored or held by that association; or

(3) otherwise financially support that association, either directly or indirectly.

SECTION 2. Section 441.901, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to the expenditure of public funds made on or after the effective date of this Act, other than funds required to be spent under a contract entered into before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.