

**392.5 Library board.**

1. *a.* A city library board of trustees functioning on the effective date of the city code shall continue to function in the same manner until altered or discontinued as provided in [this section](#).

*b.* In order for the board to function in the same manner, the council shall retain all applicable ordinances, and shall adopt as ordinances all applicable state statutes repealed by [1972 Iowa Acts, ch. 1088](#).

2. A library board may accept and control the expenditure of all gifts, devises, and bequests to the library.

3. *a.* A proposal to alter the composition, manner of selection, or charge of a library board, or to replace it with an alternate form of administrative agency, is subject to the approval of the voters of the city.

*b.* The proposal may be submitted to the voters at any city election by the council on its own motion. Upon receipt of a valid petition as defined in [section 362.4](#), requesting that a proposal be submitted to the voters, the council shall submit the proposal at the next regular city election. A proposal submitted to the voters must describe with reasonable detail the action proposed.

*c.* If a majority of those voting approves the proposal, the city may proceed as proposed.

*d.* If a majority of those voting does not approve the proposal, the same or a similar proposal may not be submitted to the voters of the city for at least four years from the date of the election at which the proposal was defeated.

[C97, §728, 729; S13, §729; SS15, §728; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5851, 5858; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §378.3, 378.10; C75, 77, 79, 81, §392.5]

[2001 Acts, ch 24, §49](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1026, §81](#)