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HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

LIBRARIES: Requires public libraries to have an African American section

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 25:152, relative to public libraries; to provide certain requirements for public
3 library collections; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 25:152 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §152. Public libraries; required sections

7 A. All public libraries in the state shall establish the following within their
8 collections:

9 (1) An African American fiction section.

10 (2) An African American nonfiction section.

11 B. Such sections shall include works by African American authors, works
12 about African American persons, works relative to African American culture, and
13 works relative to African American history, as applicable.

14 C. The phrase "public library" as used in this Section shall include the State
15 Library of Louisiana, any parish or municipal library, and any college, university, or
16 school library.

17 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

DIGEST

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Abstract: To require public libraries to establish African American sections within their collections.

Proposed law requires public libraries to establish African American fiction and African American nonfiction sections within their collections. Proposed law further provides that such sections shall include works by African American authors, works about African American persons, works relative to African American culture, and works relative to African American history.

Proposed law further defines "public libraries" to include the State Library of Louisiana, any parish or municipal library, and any college, university, or school library.

Effective January 1, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 25:152)