

# British Library Act 1972

#### **1972 CHAPTER 54**

#### 2 The Board.

- (1) The British Library Board shall consist of a chairman appointed by the Secretary of State and not less than eight, nor more than thirteen, other members of whom one shall be appointed by Her Majesty and the remainder by the Secretary of State; and—
  - (a) at least one of the members (who may be the chairman) shall be appointed as a whole-time member;
  - (b) subject to paragraph (a) above, any member (including the chairman and the member appointed by Her Majesty) may be appointed as a part-time member;
  - [F1(bb)] one part-time member appointed by the Secretary of State shall be a person who appears to him to have special knowledge of Scotland; and]
    - (c) one part-time member shall be a person nominated by the trustees of the British Museum.
- (2) In selecting persons for appointment to be members of the Board, the Secretary of State shall give preference to those who appear to him to have knowledge and experience of library or university affairs, finance, industry or administration.
- [F2(2A) Before making an appointment under subsection (1)(bb) above, the Secretary of State shall consult the Scottish Ministers.]
  - (3) The Board shall, in accordance with directions of the Secretary of State given after consultation with them, constitute Advisory Councils with responsibility for providing advice to the Board, or to any department of the British Library, on such matters as the Secretary of State or the Board may determine from time to time.
  - (4) The provisions of the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the Board and its members, to the Board's proceedings and incidental powers, to the employment of staff and the terms and conditions of their employment, and to the Advisory Councils constituted under this section.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the British Library Act 1972, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)

### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 S. 2(1)(bb) substituted for word at the end of s. 2(1)(b) (20.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/1102, art. 2(2) (with art. 6(1))
- F2 S. 2(2A) inserted (20.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/1102, art. 2(3) (with art. 6(1))

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