

## Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7145

**Title:** AN ACT DISSOLVING THE LAURA ANDREWS FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

**Vote Date:** 3/21/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/10/2025

**File No.:** 599

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee.

### REASONS FOR BILL:

To dissolve the Laura Andrews Free Library Association and distribute the funds and tangible property of said association to the Town of Thomaston.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### [Hyres, Mary Ann, Chair - Public Library Board of Trustees](#)

Hyres, Mary Ann, Chair of the Public Library Board of Trustees, writes in support of H.B. No. 7145. She expresses her gratitude to the Laura Andrews Free Library Association for their longstanding dedication to the Thomaston Public Library and their decision to turn over their fund to the Town of Thomaston, as she writes, "for the benefit of the Thomaston Public Library." She further states that Representative Piscopo previously explained that these funds will be managed by the Town Treasurer, who is well-equipped to invest the funds in a way that best serves the needs of the Thomaston Public Library.

#### [Piscopo, John, State Representative, The Connecticut General Assembly](#)

Piscopo, John, State Representative, writes in support. He shares that the fund originated in 1880 as a gift to the Free Library of Thomaston. After more than 150 years of maintenance, the library has become a modern institution serving as a central hub for information in the town. He states that the library, the Library Board, and the Board overseeing the fund have determined that the most beneficial course of action is to turn it over to the Town of

Thomaston to support the library. He notes that the Town Treasurer is best equipped to manage and invest the funds, making them available for the library's ongoing needs.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by: Shai Richards**

**Date: 4/23/2025**