



RESOLUTION ON COPYRIGHT REFORM ACT

- WHEREAS,** The Copyright Reform Act of 1993 proposes to repeal Section 412 of the U.S. Copyright Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 412 of the U.S. Copyright Act requires registration of works with the U.S. Copyright Office as a prerequisite to legal action for copyright infringement; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 412 is the major incentive for intellectual property owners to register their works with the Copyright Office; and
- WHEREAS,** The repeal of Section 412 would mean the loss of at least 650,000 works annually to the Library of Congress through registration at the Copyright Office, and requires the Library of Congress to spend millions of dollars for collection development; and
- WHEREAS,** Annual voluntary fees would no longer be received by the Copyright Office, seriously affecting its function; and
- WHEREAS,** Increased litigation as a consequence of the repeal of Section 412 would inhibit creativity and is likely to produce an even greater strain on the federal courts; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association oppose legislative efforts such as the Copyright Reform Act that will fundamentally alter the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and alter a carefully crafted process that protects the rights of authors and copyright owners; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association work to maintain a registration system that allows for deposit of copies of works to the U.S. Copyright Office and the Library of Congress; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That copies of this resolution be sent to House and Senate Judiciary Committees.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
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