

An Act to amend Section 23-403 of the *Education Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

Article – Education

TITLE 23.

23-403. Boards of library trustees.

(a) Composition. –

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, each board of library trustees consists of seven members appointed by the county governing body from nominees submitted by the board of library trustees.

(2) A board that existed before 1945 under a corporate charter may continue as constituted if:

(i) It has at least seven members;

(ii) The members are chosen on the basis of character, ability, and demonstrated interest in library matters; and

(iii) the members meet the qualifications required under subsection (b) of this section.

(3) In Harford County, the Board of Trustees consists of at least 7 members, but not more than 11 members, appointed by the county governing body from nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees.

(4) In St. Mary's County, the Board of Trustees consists of at least 7 members, appointed by the County Governing Body from nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees or otherwise qualified individuals chosen by the County Governing Body.

(b) *Qualifications* – The members of the board shall be:

(1) Representative of the area the library serves; and

(2) Residents of the county that the library serves

(c) *Terms and vacancies; generally.* –

(1) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, a member of a board serves for a term of 5 years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. These terms are staggered as required by the terms of the members serving on the board as of July 1, 1978.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a member may be reappointed but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term:

(i) Serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and

(ii) Is eligible for appointment to serve two additional consecutive terms.

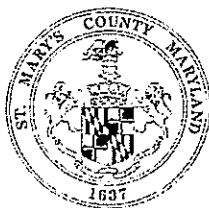
(4) A member of the Board of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms of office.

(d) *Terms of members in Charles County* – In Charles County, a member of the Board serves for a term of 4 years.

(e) *Terms of members in Harford County* – In Harford County, a member of the Board serves for a term of 5 years, beginning on July 1, and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(f) *Compensation* – Each member of a board serves without compensation. (An. Code 1957, art. 77, § 172; 1978, ch 22, § 2; 1988 Chs. 102, 328; 1990, ch. 189; 1996, ch. 10, § 16; 2002, ch. 325).

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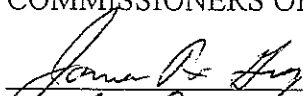
Re: St. Mary's County - Boards of Library Trustees

Dear Chairman Rey:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the amendment of Section 23-403 of the *Education Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* regarding the Board of Library Trustees in St. Mary's County.

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


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