

186A. COOPERATIVE LIBRARY CORPORATIONS

(A) ANY TWO OR MORE BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MAY ORGANIZE A COOPERATIVE LIBRARY CORPORATION AS SET FORTH HEREAFTER IN (B), FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING JOINT LIBRARY PROJECTS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTIES.

(B) THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION SHALL BE EXECUTED BY BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES DESIRING TO ENTER INTO JOINT LIBRARY PROJECTS WITH OTHER BOARDS WITHIN A GIVEN MULTIPLE COUNTY AREA. THE CORPORATION SHALL BE NON-STOCK, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23, SECTIONS 132 ET SEQ. OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1966 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AS AMENDED) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING SUCH JOINT LIBRARY PROJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONS OF THE MEMBER BOARDS. THE MEMBER BOARDS MAY BE INCREASED AFTER INCORPORATION BY INCLUDING OTHER COUNTY BOARDS, WITH THE CONSENT OF ALL THEN EXISTING MEMBER BOARDS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATION SHALL CONSIST OF ALL TRUSTEES OF THE MEMBER BOARDS WHO SHALL ELECT A CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF TRUSTEES OF THE MEMBER BOARDS IN SUCH PROPORTIONS AND NUMBERS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE CORPORATE BY-LAWS. THE MEMBER BOARDS ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED TO DELEGATE THE POWERS AND DUTIES DEVOLVED UPON THEM UNDER THIS SECTION, IN RESPECT TO THE INTRA-COUNTY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES, TO THE AFORESAID CORPORATION TO THE EXTENT DEEMED NECESSARY TO FULLY EMPOWER IT TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT AND ADMINISTER THE JOINT LIBRARY PROJECTS AGREED UPON BY THE MEMBER BOARDS.

(C) A COOPERATIVE LIBRARY CORPORATION AND ITS PROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL EMPLOYEES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AND ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE: TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SECTION 109); LIBRARY FUND (SECTION 191); ANNUAL AUDIT (SECTION 192); ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD (SECTION 193); AND EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION (SECTION 197).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT SECTION 21(1) OF ARTICLE 73B (1968 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "PENSIONS," SUBTITLE "EMPLOYEES OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS," BE AND IT IS HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" MEANS COUNTY, INCORPORATED TOWN OR MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL TAXING AREA OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING ANY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION AND ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIV-