

An. Code, 1924, sec. 174. 1912, sec. 106. 1904, secs. 95 and 96. 1898, ch. 515, sec. 1. 1902, ch. 367, secs. 1, 2, 3. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 101 (p. 222).

168. The boards of county commissioners shall have power to establish and maintain central free public libraries at all the county seats of their respective counties, with branches in such places within the limits of said counties as the demand of the people of the vicinity may justify, so as to give them convenient access to the free libraries and reading rooms, and the legislative authority of any incorporated municipality shall have power to establish public libraries in like manner for said municipality.

Cited but not construed in *Johnson v. Baltimore*, 158 Md. 104.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 175. 1912, sec. 107. 1904, sec. 95. 1898, ch. 515, sec. 1. 1902, ch. 367, secs. 1, 2. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 102 (p. 222).

169. The board of county commissioners of any county in the State, for the establishment and maintenance of said free public libraries and reading rooms in their respective counties, may levy an annual tax not exceeding five cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of taxable property; such tax to be levied and collected in like manner as other general taxes of said county, and when collected to be known as the public library fund.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 176. 1912, sec. 108. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 103 (p. 223).

170. In case a majority of the voters in any election district shall petition the board of county commissioners to establish a public library in said district, the said board shall establish and control such public library in the same manner as the legislative authority of an incorporated municipality may establish and control a library under sections 163 to 181, and said board of county commissioners may levy a tax on the election district for the said library in like manner as is done for the library of an incorporated municipality and to the same amount, and said election district library shall be managed in the same manner as the library of an incorporated municipality.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 177. 1912, sec. 109. 1904, sec. 97. 1902, ch. 367, sec. 4. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 104 (p. 223).

171. The legislative authority of any municipality may levy a tax for public library purposes upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property within said municipality, not exceeding seven cents of each one hundred dollars, to be collected in like manner as the other taxes of said municipality. The money so collected by the governing boards of the incorporated municipalities shall be paid over to the trustees or board of directors, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, and shall be expended by them as in their judgment they may deem best.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 178. 1912, sec. 110. 1904, sec. 98. 1898, ch. 515, secs. 3, 4. 1902, ch. 367, sec. 5. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 105 (p. 223).

172. Whenever any board of county commissioners or legislative authority of an incorporated municipality shall have determined to establish and maintain public libraries and reading rooms under sections 163 to 181, such board of county commissioners or legislative authority of an incorporated municipality, shall appoint for such county, election district or incorporated municipality, a board of nine directors, who shall be chosen at large with reference to their fitness for such office; said directors shall