

“Chapter 15. Public Libraries”, as said section was enacted by Chapter 980 of the Acts of 1945, providing that the County Commissioners of Talbot County and any public library of said county shall be entitled to the benefits of said Act but shall be exempt from the supervision of the State Superintendent of Schools and the Division of Library Extension.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 181 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title “Public Education”, subtitle “Chapter 15. Public Libraries”, as said section was enacted by Chapter 980 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

181. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be entitled to benefits under Section 167(b) of this Article for the purchase of books for the Enoch Pratt Free Library in the same manner and to the same extent as any county having a population of over 200,000 persons, provided it meets the financial standard as provided in Section 167, but the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the County Commissioners of Washington County and the Washington County Free Library, and the County Commissioners of Talbot County and any public library of said county, and the funds allotted to either of them hereunder, shall be exempt from the supervision of the State Superintendent of Schools and the Division of Library Extension; and the qualifications of the employees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library shall be those which may be established by the Trustees of said Library; and the Enoch Pratt Free Library shall be the agency for the expenditure and administration of that portion of funds or materials received from the Federal Government which may be allocated to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the State Board of Education; and the Enoch Pratt Free Library shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 170 to 178, inclusive, of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.