

CHAPTER 367.

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AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 515 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1898, entitled an Act to create and sustain by taxation Public Libraries and Reading Rooms.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That chapter 15 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session, 1898, entitled "An Act to create and sustain by taxation Public Libraries and Reading Rooms," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Repeal
and re-enact.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the Board of County Commissioners of any county in the State shall have power to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms in their respective counties for the use and benefit of the people of such counties, and for that purpose 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 free library fund.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Board of County Commissioners shall have power to establish free libraries in the county seats of their respective counties, and in such incorporated town within the limits of said counties as the exigencies of the case may require and the demand of the people of said incorporated towns and vicinity may justify, so as to give them convenient access to the free libraries and reading rooms.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the governing boards of any municipality within the limits of any county may, in addition to the tax to be levied, as hereinbefore provided by the County Commissioners, by a tax upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property of said incorporated town, not exceeding seven cents on 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 towns to be paid over to the trustees or board of directors, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, and to be expended by them as in their judgment they may deem best.

Tax
to be levied.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any Board of County Commissioners shall have determined to establish and maintain public libraries and reading rooms under this Act, such Board of County Commissioners shall appoint for such county a board of nine directors, to be known as library directors, who are to be chosen at large with refer-

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