

Libraries", and to enact, in lieu thereof, nineteen new sections to be known as Sections 163 - 181, inclusive, creating a Division of Library Extension in the State Department of Education, providing for public library service throughout the State, the appointment of Boards of Library Trustees, the establishment of new libraries, and for the assistance of existing libraries, the levying of taxes for the support of the same, and for the operation and maintenance of libraries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 163 - 181, inclusive, of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 15. Public Libraries", be and they are hereby repealed and that nineteen new sections be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, said new sections to be known as Sections 163 - 181, inclusive, and to read as follows:

163. There is hereby established a central library agency as a division in the State Department of Education, to be known as Division of Library Extension, which shall be under the immediate supervision of a Director who shall be appointed by the State Board of Education on nomination by the State Superintendent of Schools. The Director shall hold a degree from an accredited library school, and shall have had administrative experience in libraries and such other qualifications as said Superintendent may deem advisable in order to provide efficient service in the development of a State-wide library program.

164. There shall be such professional and clerical staff in the Division of Library Extension as may be deemed necessary to make effective the provisions of this sub-title, for which provision shall be made in the State budget. The Director and other employees of the Division shall receive such salaries as shall be provided in the State budget. The professional staff shall be appointed and may be removed in the same manner as the other members of the professional staff of the State Department of Education and shall be subject to the same general control, rules, and regulations.

165. Under the control and direction of the State Board of Education, and subject to its approval, the Division of Library Extension shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To develop State-wide public library and school library services;