

be used subject to any conditions specified by the appropriating agency or imposed consistently with this sub-title.

All money herein required to be levied or appropriated shall be used for current operations of the county library and not for the purchase of land, the erection of buildings, or for debt reduction.

The State Superintendent of Schools is directed to authorize the Comptroller to withhold state funds from any county which fails to levy the amount prescribed by law or which fails to meet the requirements of the law or of the State Board of Education regarding the operation of the county library.

(d) Libraries in operation before January 1, 1945, whose boards, by the terms of their charters or articles of incorporation are self-perpetuating or otherwise specifically constituted, shall be deemed eligible for all benefits specified in this Act provided they meet all other requirements under this Act, and their boards may continue to be constituted as in the same manner before.

(e) The county commissioners of any county are hereby authorized and empowered to levy for and appropriate the necessary moneys for the Public Library Fund of said county, as provided for in Sub-section (a) of this section, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

168. Any city or village in which a tax supported free public library has been established before January 1, 1945, shall have the option of joining the county library system and of sharing in its benefits. Any city or village in which a tax supported free public library has been established before January 1, 1945, and which chooses not to join the county library system shall be exempt from the county library taxation.

169. The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to accept for the State of Maryland any appropriation of money and/or materials for any library purposes which may hereafter be made from the Federal Treasury or from Federal property, by any act or acts of the Congress of the United States, or pursuant thereto, or from any other source. The State Board of Education is hereby constituted the agency for the expenditure and administration of any such funds or materials.

All such moneys received by the State shall be deposited in the State Treasury. The Treasurer shall receive and provide for the custody of such moneys, and shall make disbursements therefrom for the purposes of this sub-title in the same manner as he disburses other funds for the State Department of Education.