

ation," sub-title "Chapter 15. Public Libraries," said new section to be known as Section 181A and to follow immediately after Section 181 of said Article, providing for the grant of State-aid funds for books to the Washington County Free Library and exempting said Library from certain provisions of the said Public Libraries Law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 15. Public Libraries," said new section to be known as Section 181A, to follow immediately after Section 181 of said Article, and to read as follows:

181A. The Washington County Free Library shall be entitled to benefits under Section 167(b) of this Article for the purchase of books for The Washington County Free Library provided the annual grants from the County Commissioners of Washington County and from The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown shall produce an aggregate annual income available for the support of said institution equal to or exceeding the financial standard as provided in Section 167 of this sub-title but the Washington County Free Library and the funds allocated to it 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 Washington County Free Library shall be those which may be established by the Trustees of said Library; and the Washington County Free Library shall be the agency for the expenditure and administration of that portion of funds or materials received from the Federal government for library purposes which may be allocated to the County Commissioners of Washington County by the State Board of Education, and the Washington County 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, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.

CHAPTER 704

(House Bill 152)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 441, 446 (b and c), 448, and 449 of Article 43 of the Anno-