

library service in the Bethesda area, and they may then or thereafter transfer to the Board of Library Trustees of Montgomery County by sale, lease, or gift any and all such assets, or they may retain ownership thereof and enter into contracts or other arrangements with the Board of Library Trustees of Montgomery County for the operation, maintenance, and use of such assets for library purposes in the Bethesda area or areas immediately adjacent thereto. .

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 22, 1949.

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#### CHAPTER 412

(House Bill 652)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 168 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 15. Public Libraries", relating to the establishment of public libraries in special taxing areas of this State and in the special taxing area in which is located the Bethesda Public Library.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 168 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 15. Public Libraries", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

168. Any city, village or special taxing area 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, village or special taxing area 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. In Montgomery County, in the special taxing area in which the Bethesda Public Library is located, the option referred to hereinabove may be exercised by the Board of Trustees of the Bethesda Public Library Association, Inc., upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council of the said association.