

CHAPTER 340

(House Bill 968)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 199 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 16. Public Libraries," to provide for certain benefits to the Washington County Library and specifying that the library shall administer such funds; and correcting an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 199 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 16. Public Libraries," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

199.

The Washington County Free Library shall be entitled to benefits under Section 182 or Section 182A of this article provided the annual grants from the County Commissioners of Washington County and from the mayor and council of Hagerstown shall produce an aggregate income available for the support of said institution equal to or exceeding the financial standard as provided in whichever of said Sections 182 or 184A of this subtitle such benefits are provided, 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 [of] 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[.]. *The Washington County Free Library shall also be entitled to the benefits provided by Section 182B of this article and shall be the agency for the expenditure and administration of any funds received by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County pursuant to the provisions of said Section 182B. [and with] With the exception of Section 190(c) of this article, the Washington County Free Library shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 185 to [195] 194, inclusive, of this article.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 341

(House Bill 974)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 673 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement