

(e) The State Department of Education may include in its budget request such sum or sums as may in its judgment be required for capital expenditures for improvements of existing facilities, additions to existing facilities or new facilities including furniture and/or equipment to provide the specialized research and reference services financed by the State in its section. These capital funds may be appropriated in advance of expenditure and may be paid according to procedures established by the State Superintendent of Schools.

170.

(a) Any two or more boards of library trustees may organize a cooperative library corporation as set forth hereafter in this section for the purpose of administering joint library projects within their respective counties.

(b) The articles of incorporation shall be executed by boards of library trustees desiring to enter into joint library projects with other boards within a given multiple-county area. The corporation shall be nonstock, nonprofit organized pursuant to Article 23, Sections 132 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume as amended) for the purpose of administering joint library projects within the jurisdictions of the member boards. The member boards may be increased after incorporation by including other county boards, with the consent of all then existing member boards. The membership of the corporation shall consist of all trustees of the member boards who shall elect a corporate board of directors to be composed exclusively of trustees of the member boards in such proportions and numbers as prescribed by the corporate bylaws. The member boards are hereby expressly authorized to delegate the powers and duties devolved upon them under this section, in respect to the intracounty library activities, to the aforesaid corporation to the extent necessary to fully empower it to effectively carry out and administer the joint library projects agreed upon by the member boards.

(c) A cooperative library corporation and its professional and clerical employees are subject to and entitled to the benefits of the following provisions of this subtitle ARTICLE: Teachers' Retirement System (Section 191); library fund (Section 178(a)); annual audit (Section ~~180(a)~~ 173(10)); annual report of the board (Section ~~180(b)~~ 173(11)); and exemption from taxation (~~Section 170~~) AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9(72) OF ARTICLE 81.

171.

(a) The board of county commissioners of any county may establish and maintain county public libraries for the purposes of this subtitle. The libraries shall in each instance be located in the county seat, or in any place to be determined by the said board, with branch libraries and stations in places within the county as the board of library trustees may deem necessary. The county commissioners shall levy a sum in support of the library, as provided in this subtitle.

(B) A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS ADOPTED A CHARTER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XL-A XI-A OF THE CONSTITUTION, SHALL PROVIDE BY AMENDMENT TO ITS CHARTER OR BY LOCAL LAW OR COMBINATION THEREOF, FOR