

(8) Subject to the provisions of [subsection] *sub-subsection* (9), expenditures for capital improvements of existing facilities, additions to existing facilities, or new facilities separate from existing facilities of participating libraries and/or equipment and furniture for capital improvements necessary for and to be used by regional resource centers shall be totally financed by the State. Prior to the receipt of any funds for any capital improvements necessary for and to be used by regional resource centers, the library designated as a regional resource center must have the plan and justification for expansion approved by the State Department of Education and agree that should the use of such State financed facility be changed from regional resource center purposes the local subdivision shall reimburse the State Department of Education for such facility an amount to be determined by the State Department of Education.

(9) 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 for the regional resource centers financed by the State in this 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 124 of this article such amounts as are provided for capital expenditures for the purposes of this subsection shall be subject to the annual review and appropriation by the Governor and the General Assembly.

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(a) *Appointment; composition; terms; vacancies; meetings.*—(1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 171, public libraries operating under this subtitle shall be under the control of a board of library trustees appointed by the local governing body.

(2) Boards of library trustees shall consist of seven members. Subsequent to July 1, 1971, board members shall serve overlapping terms of not more than five years. Subsequent to July 1, 1971, board members shall not serve for more than ten consecutive years even though their terms of office began prior to July 1, 1971. No person is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms. Board members shall hold office until their successors qualify.

(3) Present membership on existing boards of library trustees shall be retained until the expiration of their stated term of office. Upon the expiration of the term of an existing member, the vacancy shall be filled by the local governing body. Appointments shall be made from a list of nominees provided to the local governing body by the membership of the existing board of library trustees.

(4) Board members shall be representative of the area served by the interest in library service without any restrictions based on political affiliation, race, color, sex or creed.

(5) Boards of library trustees shall meet at least once every three months and shall carry out the duties and powers enumerated in this subtitle.

(6) Members of boards of library trustees shall serve without pay.