PURCHASE OF THIS INSURANCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND AS A VALID PUBLIC EXPENSE. THE LIABILITY OF ANY COUNTY UNDER THIS SUBSTCTION MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN \$250,000 OR THE AMOUNT OF ITS INSURANCE COVERAGE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, PER INDIVIDUAL PER OCCURRENCE. A COUNTY WHICH HAS ADOPTED LEGISLATION OR OTHERWISE AVAILED ITSELF OF THE POWERS CONTAINED IN THIS SUBSECTION MAY RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT OF ITS INSURANCE COVERAGE. IN ANY CASE, THE SEVERAL CCUNTIES OR ANY COUNTY AVAILING ITSELF OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IN ANY CLAIM OF LESS THAN \$250,000 OR THE AMOUNT OF ITS INSURANCE COVERAGE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 826

(House Bill 1816)

AN ACT concerning

Public Education - Library Trustees

FOR the purpose of requiring members of the boards of library trustees to reside in the county that the member's board serves; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education Section 172(a) (2) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 77 - Public Education Section 172(a) (8) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 172(a)(2) of Article 77 — Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is