

A BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HOWEVER, A CHARTER COUNTY MAY:

(1) ESTABLISH A COUNTY LIBRARY AGENCY AND GRANT IT SOME OR ALL OF THE POWERS OF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES; OR

(2) HAVE A BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES, PROVIDE FOR THE BOARD'S SELECTION, AND DETERMINE ITS POWERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from Art. 77, §§ 171(a) and (b), and 172(a) (1).

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to a library system "free from political influence" is derived from the applicable provisions of Art. 77, §§ 172(a) (4) and 173(a) (4).

Art. 77, §§ 181, 182, and 189A, which authorize Harford, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties to borrow money for library purposes are transferred to Art. 25 of the Code for eventual inclusion in the Local Government Article.

The second sentence of present Art. 77, §171(a) about the locations of libraries is deleted as unnecessary in light of the similar provisions of §23-305 of this subtitle.

The detailed provisions of Art. 77, §171(b) about library organization in charter counties are deleted in favor of the simpler, but no less accurate provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

Present Art. 77, §171(f), which provides for the acquisitions of property for libraries is deleted in light of the general power of a county to own property in Art. 25, §11A and Art. 25A, §5(b).

23-302. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR BALTIMORE CITY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(A) BALTIMORE CITY.

(1) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY OF BALTIMORE CITY AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 181 OF THE ACTS OF 1882 AND ANY OTHER LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

(2) THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY ARE AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 181 OF THE ACTS OF 1882 AND THE CHARTER AND THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY AND OTHER LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY.