

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

23-403.

(a) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH board of library trustees consists of seven members appointed by the county governing body from nominees submitted by the board of library trustees.

(2) A board that existed before 1945 under a corporate charter may continue as constituted if:

(i) It has at least seven members;

(ii) The members are chosen on the basis of character, ability, and demonstrated interest in library matters; and

(iii) The members meet the qualifications required under subsection (b) of this section.

(3) IN HARFORD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSISTS OF ~~UP TO~~ AT LEAST 7 MEMBERS, BUT NOT MORE THAN 11 MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(b) The members of the board shall be:

(1) Representative of the area the library serves; and

(2) Residents of the county that the library serves.

(c) (1) Except as provided in [subsection (d)] SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) of this section, a member of a board serves for a term of 5 years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. These terms are staggered as required by the terms of the members serving on the board as of July 1, 1978.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a member may be reappointed but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term:

(i) Serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and

(ii) Is eligible for appointment to serve two additional consecutive terms.

(4) A member of the board of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms of office.

(d) In Charles County, a member of the board serves for a term of 4 years.