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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts - Board of Trustees - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees for the Washington County
4 Museum of Fine Arts to appoint up to a certain number of additional trustees.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
7 Section 12-101 and 12-103
8 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
9 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
12 Section 12-102
13 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 22 - Washington County**

18 12-101.

19 (a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (b) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Museum of
2 Fine Arts.

3 (c) "Museum" means the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

4 12-102.

5 (a) There is a Board of Trustees of the Washington County Museum of Fine
6 Arts.

7 (b) The Board consists of 18 trustees as follows:

8 (1) 15 trustees appointed by the Board;

9 (2) As an ex officio member, the President of the Board of County
10 Commissioners or a County Commissioner designated by the President;

11 (3) As an ex officio member, the Superintendent of Schools of
12 Washington County; and

13 (4) As an ex officio member, the Mayor of the City of Hagerstown or a
14 City Council member designated by the Mayor.

15 (c) THE BOARD MAY APPOINT UP TO SIX ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES.

16 (D) (1) Each trustee serves for a term of 5 years.

17 (2) The terms of the trustees are staggered as required by the terms of
18 the trustees serving on July 1, 1988.

19 (3) A trustee serves only for the remainder of a term if the trustee is
20 appointed:

21 (i) To fill a vacancy in an unexpired term; or

22 (ii) To succeed a trustee who is holding over.

23 (4) A trustee serves until the successor of the trustee is appointed and
24 qualifies.

25 [(d)] (E) On taking office, each trustee shall take the oath required by Article
26 I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

27 12-103.

28 In order to create and maintain a public museum known as the Washington
29 County Museum of Fine Arts in the City of Hagerstown for the use of the inhabitants
30 of Washington County, the Board may:

31 (1) Purchase, acquire, lease, or hold in any manner real property that is
32 necessary for the purposes of the museum;

- 1 (2) Receive any money or property that is donated to the museum;
- 2 (3) Use museum funds for property for:
- 3 (i) Maintenance and support of the museum;
- 4 (ii) Acquisition or purchase of art objects and other exhibits, and
5 necessary equipment;
- 6 (iii) Educational purposes; and
- 7 (iv) Purposes expressed at the direction of donors if accepted by the
8 Board;
- 9 (4) Sell, invest, or exchange any museum property to serve the interests
10 and welfare of the museum;
- 11 (5) Adopt and enforce regulations for the museum;
- 12 (6) Contract for the employment of a museum director and other
13 necessary personnel;
- 14 (7) Contract with the County Commissioners and the Mayor and Council
15 of Hagerstown to receive revenue for the museum; and
- 16 (8) Perform other acts necessary to maintain a public museum for the
17 use of the inhabitants of Washington County.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 1998.