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By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Board of Library Trustees - Appointment**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the pool of eligible persons from which the Carroll  
4 County Commissioners may select a member of the County board of library  
5 trustees; and generally relating to the Carroll County board of library trustees.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 23-401  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Education  
13 Section 23-403(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 23-401.

20 (a) The governing body of each county may establish, and appropriate an  
21 amount to support, a county public library system free from political influence.

22 (b) Each county public library system shall be governed by a board of trustees.  
23 However, a charter county may:

24 (1) Establish a county library agency and grant it some or all of the  
25 powers of a board of trustees; or

1                   (2)     Have a board of library trustees, provide for the board's selection, and  
2 determine its powers.

3 23-403.

4       (a)     (1)     (I)     Each board of library trustees consists of seven members  
5 appointed by the county governing body from nominees submitted by the board of  
6 library trustees.

7                               (II)     IN CARROLL COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY  
8 SELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES FROM NOMINEES  
9 SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OR OTHER SOURCES.

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

12                               (i)     It has at least seven members;

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

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

17     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2001.