

HOUSE BILL 902

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Harford County Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Harford County ~~Public Library Board of Trustees~~ Public**
3 **Library Board of Trustees**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the Harford County Public
5 Library Board of Trustees; requiring the members of the Board to be appointed
6 on a fiscal year basis; and generally relating to the Harford County Public
7 Library Board of Trustees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 23-403
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Education

2 23-403.

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

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

8 (i) It has at least seven members;

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

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

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

16 (b) The members of the board shall be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (e) IN HARFORD COUNTY, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SERVES FOR A TERM OF
2 5 YEARS, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
3 QUALIFIES.

4 (F) Each member of a board serves without compensation.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
6 effect July 1, 2002.