

# HOUSE BILL 136

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Board of Library Trustees**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying the membership of the St. Mary's County Board of Library  
4 Trustees; providing for the selection and appointment of the members of the Board;  
5 and generally relating to the membership of the St. Mary's County Board of Library  
6 Trustees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 23–403  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 23–403.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (3)] **PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)** of  
17 this subsection, each board of library trustees consists of seven members appointed by the  
18 county governing body from nominees submitted by the board of library trustees.

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

21 (i) It has at least seven members;

22 (ii) The members are chosen on the basis of character, ability, and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 demonstrated interest in library matters; and

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

4 (3) In Harford County, the Board of Trustees consists of at least 7  
5 members, but not more than 11 members, appointed by the county governing body from  
6 nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees.

7 **(4) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
8 **CONSISTS OF AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING**  
9 **BODY FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OR**  
10 **FROM OTHERWISE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS CHOSEN BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING**  
11 **BODY.**

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

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

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

15 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, a member  
16 of a board serves for a term of 5 years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.  
17 These terms are staggered as required by the terms of the members serving on the board  
18 as of July 1, 1978.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (e) In Harford County, a member of the Board serves for a term of 5 years,  
30 beginning on July 1, and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

31 (f) Each member of a board serves without compensation.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2018.