

SENATE BILL 204

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – State Library)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Libraries – Maryland State Library Board – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland State Library Board; and
4 generally relating to the Maryland State Library Board.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article – Education

7 Section 23–107

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Education**

13 23–107.

14 (a) There is a Maryland State Library Board.

15 (b) (1) The State Library Board consists of 12 members, 7 of whom are
16 appointed by the Governor. Each member is entitled to participate fully and equally in the
17 activities of the Board.

18 (2) Each member shall:

19 (i) Be a resident of this State;

20 (ii) Be an individual of ability and integrity who is experienced in

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 public or library affairs; and

2 (iii) Represent the interests of the citizens of this State in better
3 library services.

4 (3) (i) Of the appointed members:

5 1. Four shall be selected from the public at large;

6 2. One shall be a professional librarian;

7 3. One shall be a library trustee; and

8 4. One shall be a blind patron of the Maryland Library for
9 the Blind and Print Disabled.

10 (ii) The Governor shall ensure geographic diversity when appointing
11 members.

12 (4) The following officials serve ex officio and each may designate someone
13 to serve in his place:

14 (i) The [Secretary of Higher Education] **PRESIDENT OF THE**
15 **CONGRESS OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS;**

16 (ii) The President of the Board of Trustees of Enoch Pratt Free
17 Library;

18 (iii) The President of the Maryland Library Association;

19 (iv) The Dean of the University of Maryland College of Library and
20 Information Services; and

21 (v) The President of the Maryland Association of School Librarians.

22 (5) (i) Each appointed member serves for a term of 5 years and until a
23 successor is appointed and qualifies. These terms are staggered as required by the terms of
24 the members serving on July 1, 1978.

25 (ii) An appointed member may not serve more than two consecutive
26 terms.

27 (iii) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves
28 only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

29 (6) Each member of the State Library Board:

- 1 (i) Serves without compensation; and
- 2 (ii) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the
3 Standard State Travel Regulations.
- 4 (c) (1) Each year:
- 5 (i) The Governor shall appoint a member of the State Library Board
6 as its Chairman; and
- 7 (ii) The State Library Board shall elect one of its members as its vice
8 chairman.
- 9 (2) The State Librarian shall:
- 10 (i) Serve as secretary to the State Library Board;
- 11 (ii) Record the proceedings of the State Library Board; and
- 12 (iii) Provide necessary staff services.
- 13 (3) Each year, the State Library Board:
- 14 (i) Shall hold at least four regular meetings; and
- 15 (ii) May hold special meetings as necessary.
- 16 (4) Seven members of the State Library Board are a quorum and at least 7
17 affirmative votes are required for any recommendation to:
- 18 (i) The State Library Agency; or
- 19 (ii) The Governor.
- 20 (d) The State Library Board shall:
- 21 (1) Gather information on the needs of libraries throughout this State;
- 22 (2) Oversee the State Library Agency;
- 23 (3) Advise the Governor on library matters; and
- 24 (4) Promote improvement of library services in this State.
- 25 (e) The State Library Board may be funded annually as provided in the budget of
26 the State Library Agency.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2022.