

## Chapter 55

**(House Bill 825)**

AN ACT concerning

**Libraries – Regional Resource Centers – Governing Board Membership**

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of public members on the governing board for each regional resource center; and generally relating to the membership of governing boards for regional resource centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 23–202.1(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 23–202.1(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

23–202.1.

(a) There is a governing board for each regional resource center.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a governing board consists of the following members:

(i) A library trustee from each participating library system; and

(ii) Up to [one member] **TWO MEMBERS** of the public from each area served by the participating library systems.

(2) (i) The board of trustees of the Washington County Free Library shall act as the governing board for the Western Maryland Regional Resource Center.

(ii) The bylaws adopted by the board of trustees of the Washington County Free Library shall govern the composition, appointment, qualifications, terms, and structure of the governing board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

**Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2024.**