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By: Senator King

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Library Trustees – Membership – Student Member**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of library trustees to provide for the
4 selection of a student member of the board; establishing the qualifications, term of
5 office, and voting rights of the student member of a county board of library trustees,
6 if selected; and generally relating to the membership of county boards of library
7 trustees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 23–403 and 23–404

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 23–403.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection **AND**
18 **SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION**, each board of library trustees consists of seven
19 **APPOINTED** members appointed by the county governing body from nominees submitted
20 by the board of library trustees.

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

23 (i) It has at least seven **APPOINTED** members;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

8 (b) The **APPOINTED** members of the board shall be:

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

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

11 (c) (1) (I) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, [a]
12 AN APPOINTED member of a board serves for a term of 5 years and until a successor is
13 appointed and qualifies.

20 (3) [A] AN APPOINTED member appointed to fill a vacancy in an
21 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] AN APPOINTED member of the Board of the Prince George's
27 County Memorial Library System may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms of
28 office.

29 (d) In Charles County, [a] AN APPOINTED member of the Board serves for a term
30 of 4 years.

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

4 (G) (1) A BOARD MAY PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF A STUDENT
5 MEMBER OF THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (3) THE STUDENT MEMBER OF A BOARD SHALL:

15 (iii) HAVE AN INTEREST IN LIBRARY MATTERS; AND

16 (IV) SERVE A TERM OF 1 YEAR.

17 (4) A STUDENT MEMBER SELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN AN
18 UNEXPIRED TERM:

(a) Each year, each board of library trustees:

(1) Shall elect one of its **APPOINTED** members as its [chairman] **CHAIR**;

(2) May elect any other officer it requires **FROM AMONG THE APPOINTED
OF THE BOARD.**

(b) The treasurer of each board of library trustees shall be bonded adequately.

(c) Each board of library trustees may determine the time and place of its meetings and may adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. However:

(1) Each board shall meet at least once every 3 months;

(2) Any final action of a board shall be taken at a public meeting; and

(3) The minutes of board meetings shall be open to the public.

(d) (1) Any member of a board of library trustees who fails to attend at least of the scheduled meetings of the board during any calendar year shall be considered to resigned from the board.

(2) The [chairman] **CHAIR** of the board of library trustees shall report the same and nonattendance to the county governing body by January 15 of the year.

(3) The county governing body may reject the resignation if the member nonattendance satisfactorily.

(4) The resignation is effective from the date of the final review by the county governing body, which shall be within 10 days after it receives the report from the [Chairman] **CHAIR** of the board of library trustees. The county governing body shall fill any resulting vacancy as provided in § 23–403 of this subtitle.

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