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House Bill 4971 (as reported with amendments)  
Sponsor: Representative John Llewellyn House  
Committee: Local Government  
Senate Committee: Government Operations

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, which deals with the powers and duties of townships, to require a township board in a township with a taxable value over \$50 million to publish the proceedings of any meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, within 21 days after the meeting. Currently, the Act provides that a township with a State equalized valuation (SEV) over \$25 million must publish the proceedings of any meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, within 21 days after the meeting.

Further, the bill would index the \$50 million amount to the rate of inflation each year beginning January 1, 1998. The Department of Treasury would have to determine the percentage increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index and determine the adjusted amount on or before December 1, 1997, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter.

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Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This bill would reduce the costs associated with publishing meeting proceedings in newspapers for townships with an SEV greater than \$25 million and less than \$50 million. Beginning December 1, 1997, and each year following, the \$50 million SEV level would be adjusted to reflect changes in the Detroit Consumer Price Index for all items. This bill would have no State fiscal impact.

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