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Senate Bill 520 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Shugars

Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the District Library Establishment Act to:

- Permit a municipality, other than a county, to exclude from a district library district the portion of the municipality's territory located within the boundaries of a public library.
- Require municipalities that proposed to establish a district library to file with the State Librarian certain information, including an agreement that identified the proposed library district.
- Require the State Librarian to review and either approve or disapprove an agreement for a proposed district library district.
- Permit the boundaries of a district library to be amended after an agreement was approved by the State Librarian.
- Permit an existing district library that had been recognized by the Legislative Council to amend its boundaries, if certain requirements were met, in order to eliminate territory located within the boundaries of a public library or another district library district.

The Act provides that two or more municipalities authorized by law to establish and maintain a library or library services may jointly establish a district library if the following requirements are met: a public library's governing board approves the establishment of a district library, if the proposed district contains a public library; and the legislative body of each municipality identified in the district library agreement adopts a resolution providing for the establishment of a district library. ("Municipality" means a city, village, school district, township, or county.) A county, township, city, or village uniting with other municipalities to establish a district library may provide in the resolution that only a portion of its territory is included in the district. The portion of a county included in a district must be bounded by county, township, city, village, or school district boundaries.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. The impact on local units would depend on the number of library districts that would be able to subdivide under the bill. There are 15 counties that have libraries with legal service area population overlap. The overlap population totals 36,986. Affected counties include: Allegan, Barry, Cheboygan, Clinton, Grand Traverse, Ingham, Lenawee, Livingston, Missaukee, Newago, Oceana, Roscommon, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne. By January 1, 1998, the population overlap will decrease to 30,669, due to the establishment of the Capital Area District Library, thereby eliminating the population overlap in Ingham and Clinton Counties.

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