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House Bill 5296 (as reported with amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Patricia Birkholz  
House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy  
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 188 of 1954, which allows townships to collect special assessments, to provide that if a published notice of a hearing in special assessment proceedings included a list of the property identification numbers of the property to be assessed, that list could provide either the individual property identification for each parcel of property to be assessed, or one or more sequential sets of property identification numbers, which would include each parcel of property to be assessed.

If a published notice included a list of the property identification numbers of the property to be assessed, that notice would have to include either a map depicting the area of the proposed special assessment district or a written description of the proposed district.

Under the Act, notice of hearings in special assessment proceedings must be mailed to each record owner of, or party in interest in, the property to be assessed at the address shown on the last township tax assessment records at least 10 days before the date of the hearing. If a record owner's name does not appear on the township tax assessment records, then notice must be mailed to the record owner at the address shown by the records of the county register of deeds at least 10 days before the hearing. A notice also must be published twice before the hearing in a newspaper circulating in the township. The first publication must be at least 10 days before the hearing.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. Expenditures by local units would be affected by an unknown amount. Under the bill, local units would be required to provide additional information in published notices regarding special assessments. Because local units must pay for the advertising space used to publish such notices, the bill would increase local units' expenditures. No information is available regarding current advertising expenditures to publish notices regarding special assessments, or on how much the bill's requirements would increase these expenditures. The impact of the bill on individual local units would vary based on local advertising rates, the number and magnitude of special assessments levied within a local unit, and the amount of additional information required in the notice to meet the bill's requirements.

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