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Senate Bill 476 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bob Emerson
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the District Library Establishment Act to limit the application of provisions that allow the number of authorized mills to be changed in a district library agreement; under the bill, this would be allowed only within a county with a population between 12,000 and 18,000. The bill also would repeal Section 25a of the Act, which allows a county with a population between 400,000 and 500,000 (Genesee County) and one or more municipalities jointly to establish a consolidated district library.

Under the Act, a municipality or part of a municipality other than a school district may become party to an existing district library agreement if the agreement's requirements concerning the addition of a participating municipality are met or, if there are no such requirements, if the following requirements are met: The legislative body of the municipality resolves by majority vote that the municipality become a participating municipality and that all or a portion of its territory be added to the district; the resolution is conditioned upon the library board's adoption of amendments to the agreement; and the library board amends the agreement by majority vote of its members. If the established district levies a districtwide library tax, the library board must condition acceptance of the municipality or portion of the municipality on the approval of the majority of voters in the municipality or portion voting on the proposal.

Currently, an existing district library agreement may change the number of mills authorized in the agreement if one or more municipalities or parts of municipalities join the existing district library district. The change in the number of mills to be levied in the district is contingent on approval of a majority of the voters of the existing district and the approval of a majority of the voters of each municipality or part of a municipality seeking to join the existing district. Defeat of the proposal by the electors of the existing district does not have any effect on the validity of the district library's continued levy of the previously authorized millage. Under the bill, these provisions would apply only to a district library within a county with a population between 12,000 and 18,000. (There are seven counties that fall within this range: Arenac, Benzie, Crawford, Gogebic, Iron, Missaukee, and Presque Isle.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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