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Senate Bill 512 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom  
Committee: Government Operations

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the District Library Establishment Act to do the following:

- Allow a single municipality to establish a district library if certain requirements were met.
- Permit amendments to an agreement establishing a district library to provide for the merging of two or more district libraries.
- Provide for a referendum on the formation of a district library upon the petition of at least 5% of registered electors residing in each affected municipality, and require the referendum to include a millage request.
- Provide that any contract to provide library-related services to a municipality outside of the library district would have to require that the outside residents compensate the district library in an amount equivalent to that paid by the average household in the district.
- Require that a proposal for a districtwide tax be certified for inclusion on the ballot at the next general election, the State primary immediately preceding the general election, or a special election held on an otherwise regularly scheduled election date.
- Delete a requirement that, if a school district conducts an election for district library board members or a districtwide tax, the district library reimburse a participating school district for the actual costs of conducting the election.
- Provide for the dissolution of a district library under certain circumstances by the State Librarian.
- Exclude a school district from the Act's definition of "municipality" for the purpose of establishing a new district library after January 1, 2015.

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Legislative Analyst: J.P. Finet

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. The bill would allow additional mechanisms for a municipality or municipalities to form a district library which, with local voter approval, could levy a local property tax millage.

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