

HOUSE BILL No. 4225

February 8, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Gaffney, Vagnozzi, Hunter, Accavitti, Plakas, Lemmons, Jr., Murphy, Cushingberry, Cheeks, Tobocman, McConico, Ward, Virgil Smith and Waters and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy.

A bill to amend 1977 PA 89, entitled
"State aid to public libraries act,"
by amending section 6 (MCL 397.556), as amended by 2001 PA 65.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 6. A cooperative library shall include those areas
2 consisting of **1 OF THE FOLLOWING:**

3 (a) Two or more counties with a total population of at least
4 100,000.

5 (b) One county plus portions of other counties with a
6 population of at least 100,000.

7 (c) One county or portion ~~thereof~~ **OF THE COUNTY** with a
8 population of at least 400,000.

9 (d) Portions of 2 or more counties with a population of at

1 least 350,000.

2 (e) Combinations of counties or portions of counties serving a
3 population of at least 50,000, if the region served has a
4 population of 35 or fewer persons per square mile.

5 (f) The area covered by a cooperative library shall recognize
6 the geosocioeconomic conditions within that area and regions
7 established for governmental purposes throughout the state. A local
8 board placed in a cooperative library shall have the option to
9 petition the department to be placed in a different cooperative
10 library or to join with other local boards to form a cooperative
11 library under this act. A local board serving an area adjoining
12 more than 1 cooperative library shall have the option to determine
13 the cooperative library in which it participates.

14 (g) The system board of an existing library system serving
15 over ~~1,000,000~~ **750,000** population may petition the department for
16 designation as a cooperative board, and the department shall
17 designate that system board, as already constituted, as the
18 cooperative board. If a cooperative board is a county library
19 board, the cooperative plan shall provide for expanding the
20 cooperative board to represent proportionately the population
21 served in any other county or counties within the area of the
22 cooperative library. This expanded cooperative board shall have
23 authority over those matters affecting the operation of the
24 cooperative library except for the property, personnel, and
25 governmental relationships of the county whose board was designated
26 as the cooperative board, which matters shall continue to be the
27 responsibility of that county library board. The department shall

1 include in the cooperative library serving over ~~1,000,000~~ **750,000**
2 population the communities presently served by the existing system
3 and all other communities not in another cooperative library within
4 counties represented by members on the expanded cooperative board
5 other than the designated system board members.