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House Bill 5796 (Substitute H-3 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Kirk A. Profit
House Committee: Tax Policy
Senate Committee: Financial Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Metropolitan Council Act to allow the creation of a metropolitan arts council by a metropolitan district in order to develop or enhance cultural institutions and facilities within the geographic boundaries of the council. A metropolitan arts council could levy a property tax of up to 0.5 mill, with voter approval; authorize a local arts council to administer the Act; and provide funding for cultural facilities and programs. ("Metropolitan district" would mean either a county with at least two State public universities, or a county with a maximum population of 100,000 individuals and a boundary contiguous to a county with at least two State public universities.)

The bill also would amend provisions in the Act concerning a metropolitan council (which the bill would refer to as a "metropolitan area council"), by increasing size of a metropolitan area, providing that a metropolitan area council could not authorize a tax levy unless each council delegate were a local elected official, and providing that a local unit of government could not participate in a council for at least one year following a vote disapproving the unit's participation.

In addition, the bill would rename the Act the "Metropolitan Councils Act".

MCL 124.651 et al.

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. In local units forming a metropolitan arts council, property taxes would increase by up to 0.5 mill, if approved by the voters.

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