

HOUSE BILL No. 4932

September 13, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Womack and referred to the Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 1977 PA 89, entitled
"State aid to public libraries act,"
by amending section 6 (MCL 397.556), as amended by 2005 PA 30.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

14 (3) ~~(g)~~—The system board of an existing library system serving
15 over ~~750,000~~ **600,000** 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 ~~750,000~~ **600,000**
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.