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COUNTY LIBRARY BOARDS

House Bill 4041 with committee
amendments
First Analysis (3-17-93)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Jr.
Committee: Local Government

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 138 of 1917 provides for the appointment of a county library board to administer the county library fund. In most counties, the board consists of five members, except in counties with a population of over one million, where the superintendent of the intermediate school district must also be a member, bringing membership to six. In Wayne County, the demands on the superintendent's time are such that additional responsibilities of board membership are burdensome. To accomodate the situation in Wayne County, it has been proposed that the Wayne County superintendent be allowed to appoint a designee to serve in his or her place.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend Public Act 138 of 1917 to allow superintendent of the intermediate school district in Wayne County to designate someone to replace him or her on the county library board.

MCL 397.302

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The House Fiscal Agency says that the bill would have no fiscal impact. (3-16-93)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would accomodate special circumstances in Wayne County only, allowing the superintendent of the intermediate school district to designate someone to sit on the county library board in his or her place.

Against:

Some may argue that the superintendent of the intermediate school district should play a direct role in administering the county library fund, and that attendance at monthly board meetings is not too

much to ask. Further, some fear that if one member is allowed to appoint a designee, then other members will also seek the privilege.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Association of Counties supports the bill. (3-16-93)

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