

# HOUSE BILL No. 5977

June 8, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Gaffney, Waters, McConico, Tobocman, Hunter,  
Stallworth, Smith, Cheeks, Reeves and Hood 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  
10 least 350,000.

11       (e) Combinations of counties or portions of counties serving

1 a population of at least 50,000, if the region served has a  
2 population of 35 or fewer persons per square mile.

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

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

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