

Board report December, 2013

I attended MLA in October. It was in Lansing

Revamped the Statistic reporting mechanism used for statistics sent to members.

State Aid Reports are coming in. Please remember to send me a copy.

Staff worked on job descriptions, incorporating duties into each position.

We've decided to get rid of the photocopier. We seldom use it now and pay a monthly rental fee to have it here.

OverDrive meeting was held on 11/13.

Worked on putting a joint order together for marketing materials.

I attended meeting of Gratiot County librarians on 11/20, and visited Sherman Township Library.

Choice of services – delivery won with 94% of the vote, of votes that came in (only 26).

Book Fair in April 2014.

Several smaller companies will be invited to come and display their titles for the afternoon after the April meeting.

Financial report may not always be done before Board meetings now that we meet 1 week earlier.

The audit is complete and will be reported on at the 12/4 board meeting.

Grant opportunity:

Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program.

Millage Elections Limited to August, November Under Bill HB4887

Rep. Dan **LAUWERS** (R-Brockway) originally wanted to keep mileage elections in November, but consented that if a large proposal failed in August, communities have another shot in November.

Referred to the House Elections and Ethics Committee on June 20, 2013.

No testimony was taken on [HB 4887](#) in the House Elections and Ethics Committee today, but Chair Lisa Posthumus **LYONS** (R-Alto) pledged to listen to speakers next week when a couple other bills will be added to the package. MIRS reports that she is eager to get this legislation to the floor for a vote.

Related is HB 5115

House Bill 5115: Require school tax votes be in August or November

Introduced by Rep. Lisa Lyons (R) on October 30, 2013, to require that school elections on measures which impose a higher property tax millage rate to create a “sinking fund” or to pay for increased borrowing (“bonding”) must be held on the regular August or November election dates. Also Referred to the House Elections and Ethics Committee on October 30, 2013.

SENATE BILL No. 546 passed 37 to 0 (one senator did not vote)

"An act to authorize cities, incorporated villages, and townships to establish and maintain, or contract for the use of, free public libraries and reading rooms; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,"

Passed by Senate sent to House.

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FLOOR SUMMARY

Senate Bill 546 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Dave Robertson

Committee: Local Government and Elections

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 164 of 1877, which governs city, village, and township libraries, to revise provisions regarding library governing boards. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- Establish four-year terms for members of boards established by cities or villages that hold elections for local officers every four years.
- Require a candidate for city, village, or township library governing board member to be a qualified elector of that city, village, or township.
- Require a nonpartisan library governing board election to be held in conjunction with the applicable local unit's next regularly scheduled primary or general election.
- Specify conditions that would constitute a vacancy on a library governing board.
- Specify that an individual appointed to fill a vacancy on a city or village library board would serve until the next regular election, and a person appointed to fill a vacancy on a township board would serve until the next November general election.

A member who was serving on the bill's effective date and who ceased to be a qualified elector of the city, village, or township during that term could serve the remainder of the term, but could not seek another term unless he or she met the requirement to be a qualified elector of that local unit.

The Act provides that a member holds office until a successor is elected and qualified. The bill would create an exception to this provision, specifying that a member office would become vacant when the incumbent died, resigned, was convicted of a felony, was removed from office by the Governor under the State Constitution, or ceased to be a qualified elector of the city, village, or township in which he or she was appointed or elected. MCL 397.202 et al. Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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Fiscal Analyst: David Zin

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Issue of grave concern places the Library Professional Certification at risk. GCSI lobbyist Nell Kuhnmuensch and I met with Senator Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba) last week to discuss potential legislation that would allow the replacement of a librarian holding a master's degree with a high school graduate who has worked in a library in any capacity for 10 years. This is an attempt to ensure state aid to libraries for a combined school/public library.