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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6264

BILL NUMBER: SB 128

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 6, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Library Expansion Referenda for Unserved Areas.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Library Service Extension-* The bill provides that in each county in which part but not all of the county's territory is served by a library district, a binding public question shall be placed on the ballot at the 2014 general election to determine whether library services should be extended to all areas of the county according to a plan and map developed by the county's public library services planning committee (LSPC).

Library Service Planning Committees- The bill establishes an LSPC in each county in which part but not all of the county's territory is served by a library district. The bill specifies the membership, powers, and duties of a LSPC. The bill requires a LSPC to develop a library services plan that is designed to extend library services to all unserved areas of the county. The bill specifies that if the public question is approved, the expansion of library services into unserved areas takes effect on January 1 of the second year following the year in which the public question is approved.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Library Service Extension-* The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) would be required to adjust all max levies, tax rates, and budgets of political subdivisions to account for library service extensions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Library Service Extension-* Counties with optical-scan voting systems

would likely see an increase in printing costs to order ballots with the public question language.

Library Service Planning Committees- Members of an LSPC would not be allowed compensation for the performance of their duties. However, LSPCs could incur costs from the preparation of library service area extension plans, including map preparation and newspaper notice of public hearings on proposed plans.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Library Service Extension-* If a library was to extend its services under a referendum, the extension would broaden the library's property tax base. Taxpayers already served would likely see a property tax rate reduction, while the newly served taxpayers would likely experience a rate increase.

State Agencies Affected: DLGF.

Local Agencies Affected: Libraries, circuit court clerks.

Information Sources:

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