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Senate Bill 736 (Substitute S-1)  
Sponsor: Senator Loren Bennett  
Committee: Finance

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**SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 736 (Substitute S-1):**

The bill would amend Public Act 246 of 1931, which provides for the construction and improvement of pavements, sidewalks and elevated structures on or along public roads in townships, to change the current criteria under which petitioners may ask for the levying of a special assessment for lighting the highways in a district.

Currently, under the Act, a township board may authorize the expenditure of funds to provide for the lighting of roads, highways, and bridges. On its own or upon petitions signed by at least 10 property owners in a proposed special assessment district described in the petitions, a township board may order the expenses of the lighting to be defrayed by a special assessment. The bill provides instead that the owners of more than 50% of the number of parcels of land in the special assessment district would have to sign a petition in order to require the township board to consider the creation of a special assessment district for lighting. (A township board still could propose a special assessment on its own motion.) Further, the bill provides that a petition would be invalid if a majority of the territory described in the petition were included in a petition filed within one year earlier.

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Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no State fiscal impact.

The bill would make special assessments for street lighting more difficult to obtain.

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