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House Bill 4940 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Thomas M. George
House Committee: Commerce
Senate Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Library of Michigan Act to do the following:

- Transfer the Library of Michigan from the Legislative Council to the "Department of History, Arts, and Libraries" (DHAL) (which House Bill 4941 (S-1) would create).
- Revise the membership of the Library's board of trustees.
- Specify that the Governor (instead of the Council), in consultation with the board, would appoint a State Librarian, who would serve at the pleasure of the Governor (instead of the Council).
- Require the State Librarian to report each year to the Governor (instead of the Council).
- Provide that full-time equated positions of the library on the bill's effective date would be transferred to the DHAL in accordance with the Department of Civil Service rules, and would be assumed into the classified service.

The bill would eliminate from the current 15-member Library board the Legislative Council Administrator, a librarian from a State agency library appointed by the Governor, and one member who is a librarian from a public library; the Director of the Department or the director's designee would be included on the new 13-member board. Further, the board currently includes four legislators appointed by the Council, with one from the majority party and one from the minority party. The bill specifies that the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House Minority Leader each would appoint one member.

The Council would have to maintain a website containing information, documents, and other data generated by the Legislature or a Legislative Council agency. The Library would have to provide copies to the Council of any documents or information in the possession of the Library, requested by the Council, that would assist it in carrying out its responsibilities.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4941.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on House Bill 4941 (S-1).

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