

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4119

January 29, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Meerman and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

A bill to amend 1947 PA 359, entitled  
"The charter township act,"  
by amending section 13a (MCL 42.13a), as amended by 2012 PA 191.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 13a. (1) ~~In~~**The township board of** a charter township **may**  
2 **do either of the following:**

3           **(a) Establish and maintain a free public library if the**  
4 **charter township is** in a county with a population of more than  
5 750,000 but less than 2,000,000 ~~that~~**and** has not been located  
6 within the service area of an established free public library for



1 the previous 3 years. ~~the township board may establish and~~  
2 ~~maintain a free public library.~~

3 **(b) Reestablish and maintain under this act a free public**  
4 **library established as a township library under a repealed act that**  
5 **served the charter township.**

6 (2) The board shall establish **or reestablish** a free public  
7 library under subsection (1) by adopting an ordinance or passing a  
8 resolution as provided by law. The board shall file a copy of the  
9 ordinance or resolution with the department of education within 10  
10 days after adoption or passage.

11 (3) The township board shall serve as board of directors for  
12 the library with final authority over all library matters. The  
13 township board shall appoint a library advisory committee  
14 consisting of 7 members holding staggered 3-year terms to advise  
15 the township board with regard to development, operation, and  
16 maintenance of the library. The township board may fill vacancies  
17 on the library advisory committee and may remove a member with or  
18 without cause.

19 (4) The township board shall establish the rules and  
20 regulations for the operation of the library, appoint a library  
21 director and authorize the hiring of qualified assistants,  
22 establish a separate and dedicated library fund, and pass any  
23 necessary ordinances governing the operations of the library.

24 (5) A free public library established **or reestablished** and  
25 operated under this section is a public library for the purposes of  
26 the state aid to public libraries act, 1977 PA 89, MCL 397.551 to  
27 397.576.

