

Public Hearing

MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Analyst *AMihill*

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing:** Expedited Bill 32-10, Administration – Public Libraries – Payments to Municipalities

Expedited Bill 32-10, Administration – Public Libraries – Payments to Municipalities, sponsored by the Health and Human Services Committee, was introduced on May 4, 2010. Action is tentatively scheduled for May 20.

Bill 32-10 would authorize the County to pay to certain municipalities that support or operate a free public library an amount determined in the operating budget or Council resolution for FY11 and FY12. Current law requires the Department of Finance to pay the Takoma Park Library a specific amount determined by a formula. At its April 26 worksession on the Non-Departmental Account for the Takoma Park Library Annual Payment, the HHS Committee recommended that the law be changed to allow the Council flexibility in funding this NDA.

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Expedited Bill No. 32-10
Concerning: Administration - Public
Libraries - Payments to
Municipalities
Revised: 4/27/2010 Draft No. 2
Introduced: May 4, 2010
Expires: November 4, 2011
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: July 1, 2010
Sunset Date: June 30, 2012
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Health and Human Services Committee

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) authorize the County to pay to certain municipalities that support or operate a free public library an amount determined in the operating budget or Council resolution; and
- (2) generally amend the county law related to the payment of the County library tax to certain municipalities.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-53

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 2-53 is amended as follows:**

2 **2-53. Annual payment of county library tax to certain municipalities.**

3 (a) If the governing body of any municipality in the County which supports
4 or operates a free public library on December 31, 1997 does not transfer
5 that library into the County system, the Director of Finance must pay
6 annually to the governing body of that municipality for library purposes,
7 as soon after the beginning of each fiscal year as possible[,];

8 (1) an amount which would be realized if that portion of the general
9 County ad valorem tax rate on real and personal property
10 attributable to the appropriation for the Department of Public
11 Libraries for that fiscal year were levied against the assessed
12 value, on the preceding County date of finality, of the real and
13 personal property in that municipality; or

14 (2) a lower amount approved in the annual operating budget or a
15 Council resolution.

16 For the purposes of this subsection, the amount of the appropriation for
17 the Department of Public Libraries in any fiscal year includes the
18 estimated amount of the payment to that municipality in that fiscal year.
19 The amount of payment to any municipality must not exceed in any
20 given fiscal year the amount of revenue derived from taxes levied by
21 that municipality for library purposes for the preceding fiscal year.

22 (b) If the governing body of a library supported by a municipality indicates
23 a desire to transfer all or part of the library facilities owned by it into the
24 County public library system, the Director of Public Libraries must
25 negotiate for that transfer as provided in this Article.

26 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

27 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate

28 protection of the public interest. Section 2-53, as amended by Section 1 of this Act,
29 takes effect on July 1, 2010.

30 **Sec. 3. Sunset.**

31 The amendments inserted in Section 2-53 in Section 1 expire after June 30,
32 2012.

Approved:

Nancy Floreen, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 32-10, *Administration – Public Libraries – Payments to Municipalities*

DESCRIPTION: Bill 32-10 would authorize the County to pay to certain municipalities that support or operate a free public library an amount determined in the operating budget or Council resolution.

PROBLEM: County Code §2-53 requires the County must pay to municipalities that support or operate a free public library a specific amount as determined by a formula.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: To provide the County flexibility in payments to certain municipalities that support or operate a free public library.

COORDINATION: Departments of Finance and Public Libraries and City of Takoma Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: To be requested.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: To be requested.

EVALUATION: To be requested.

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched.

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APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES: Will affect the City of Takoma Park.

PENALTIES: N/A