Expedited Bill No. 32-10

Concerning: Administration – Public Libraries – Payments to Municipalities

Revised: 4/27/2010 Draft No. 2

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**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** *Heading or defined term.*

Underlining *Added to existing law by original bill.*

**[**Single boldface brackets**]** *Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

Double underlining *Added by amendment.*

**[[**Double boldface brackets**]]** *Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

\* \* \* *Existing law unaffected by bill.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. Section 2-53, as amended by Section 1 of this Act, takes effect on July 1, 2010.

**Sec. 3. Sunset.**

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

*Approved:*

 /s/ May 21, 2010

Nancy Floreen, President, County Council Date

*Approved:*

 /s/ May 29, 2010

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

 /s/ June 7, 2010

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date