

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 6203**

**AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1994**

**Brief Description:** Changing limits on rural partial-county library districts.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Snyder, Haugen and Spanel

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chairman; Drew, Vice Chairman; Loveland, McCaslin, Oke, Owen and Winsley.

**Staff:** Rod McAulay (786-7754)

**Hearing Dates:** January 28, 1994; February 4, 1994

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1993 the Legislature authorized the creation of rural partial county library districts. A necessary requirement for the formation of such a district is that the proposed district have an assessed value of at least \$50 million. The purpose of this requirement is to assure that the new district has sufficient revenue, based upon a maximum levy of 50 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value, to operate a viable and efficient library system.

In the event a rural partial county library district were to contract for library services through an interlocal agreement with an existing neighboring library district, the minimum assessed valuation requirement should not be necessary.

**SUMMARY:**

The condition that a rural partial county library district have an assessed valuation of not less than \$50 million is repealed. If, at the time of creation, a rural partial county library district has an assessed valuation of less than \$50 million, it may provide library services only by contracting for the services through an interlocal agreement with an adjacent library district. If the assessed valuation of the district subsequently rises above \$50 million, this limitation shall not apply.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This legislation will enable rural areas to have access to library services.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Senator Snyder, prime sponsor (pro)

**HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):**

A rural partial-county library district is permitted to contract for library services with a city or town as well as with another library district.