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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill modifies the process for concluding the affairs of a dissolved village through the creation of a Transition Supervisory Board. The bill does not, however, affect the three current-law processes used to initiate dissolution. Under the bill, a Transition Supervisory Board consists of the county auditor, county prosecutor, and county recorder. By consolidating oversight of the dissolution under a Transition Supervisory Board, it is possible that townships taking over the territory of a dissolving village could see some administrative costs savings. The county offices represented on the Transition Supervisory Board might see some increased costs for their roles in overseeing village dissolution.

Under the bill, a Transition Supervisory Board would be responsible for managing the various aspects of the village dissolution. This includes the collection of taxes, resolution of debts, distribution of property, continuity of utility services, handling of public records, and various other matters. A village representative, and the individuals serving as the fiscal officer and primary legal counsel before the village dissolved, are required to provide consultation to the Board. These responsibilities are largely unchanged with respect to the requirements of village dissolution overall. However, the use of a Transition Supervisory Board would appear to streamline the process in two areas in particular for the township into which the village is absorbed: collection of municipal taxes and disposition of outstanding village debts. Facilitating this process through the Transition Supervisory Board is likely to reduce the administrative costs to the applicable township fiscal officer associated with the transition.