

S4989-A O'MARA Same as [A 7325-A](#) Friend (MS)

Chemung County

TITLE....Relates to the audit and payment of claims by the Chemung county library district

This bill is not active in the current session.

04/28/15 REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

05/29/15 AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

05/29/15 PRINT NUMBER 4989A

06/17/15 COMMITTEE DISCHARGED AND COMMITTED TO RULES

06/17/15 ORDERED TO THIRD READING CAL.1710

06/17/15 PASSED SENATE

06/17/15 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY

06/17/15 referred to ways and means

06/24/15 substituted for a7325a

06/24/15 ordered to third reading rules cal.736

06/24/15 passed assembly

06/24/15 returned to senate

11/30/15 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR

12/11/15 VETOED MEMO.296

VETO MESSAGE - No. 296

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 4989-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend chapter 380 of the laws of 2005 relating to establishing the Chemung county library district, in relation to the audit and payment of claims by such library district; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would amend L. 2005, ch. 380 to authorize the Chemung County Library District (Library) to appoint a designee to audit and approve non-personal service expenditures on behalf of the Library's Board of Trustees before payment is made by the Library's treasurer.

The Library is the custodian of all funds of the district, including gifts and trust funds paid over to the trustees. Presently, only the Library's board of trustees has the authority to audit and approve these expenditures. While I recognize that requiring board approval for expenditures may place an administrative burden on library operations, this bill would ultimately weaken the Library's internal controls by delegating the audit authority to an unspecified person or entity. Moreover, there is no language limiting who can serve as the designee, thus potentially compromising the independence of the audit. Finally, the bill is not aligned with sound fiscal practices for public libraries, as eliminating such oversight by the board may decrease the ability to detect mismanagement of library finances.

For these reasons, I am therefore constrained to veto this bill. However, I would ask the State Education Department to work with the Library to consider alternative approaches to address this concern.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
