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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Local Government

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Separates water service and sewer service as two distinct services that may be provided by a village. Under the bill, a village must be evaluated after each federal decennial census. Part of the evaluation is to determine if at least five services have been provided by the village. The number of services provided is a factor in determining if a village may be considered for dissolution.

Requires county officials to request, in writing, information from each village to assist the officials in making their determination.

Requires each village to submit the information, in the manner requested by the county officials, not later than 30 days after receiving the request.

Requires county officials to base their finding on the information provided from the village.

Modifies asset forfeiture notice publication requirements to allow publication via the print or digital edition of a newspaper of general circulation, the official public notice website, or via the township's website and social media account.

Requires a publisher to establish a government rate for posting legal advertisements, notices, and proclamations that are required by law to be published, in a newspaper of general circulation's digital edition on the newspaper's website.