



February 16, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013773): Vacates, reconstitutes, and reduces the total number of non-ex-officio members on the Tennessee Historical Commission (Commission), from 24 non-ex-officio members to 15 non-ex-officio members, beginning on July 1, 2024. Requires the Commission to appoint an executive director. Extends the termination date of the Commission to June 30, 2026. Under the *Governmental Entity Review Law*, the Commission is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$5,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-11-105(a), the Commission is authorized to create such positions and employ such personnel as are deemed necessary to conduct its affairs.
- The Commission currently has an executive director and two additional staff.
- Currently, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-11-102(a), the Commission is comprised of the Governor or the Governor's designee, the State Historian, the State Archaeologist, the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation or the Commissioner's designee, and the State Librarian and Archivist, all as ex-officio members, and 24 members appointed by the Governor.
- This legislation will reduce those non-ex-officio members from 24 members to 15 members.
- Members will continue to receive reimbursement for all necessary expenses, including travel.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation, the average annual expenses incurred by each member on the Commission are \$588.
- Therefore, the proposed legislation will result in a recurring decrease in state expenditures of \$5,292 [$\$588 \times (24-15)$ members], beginning in FY24-25.
- This legislation continues an existing entity at its current funding level.
- According to the *FY23-24 Work Program*, the total funding for the Commission in FY23-24 is \$22,602,200 (\$10,790,900 state funds + \$529,600 federal funds + \$11,281,700 other revenue).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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