



April 3, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006995):** Creates the Tennessee Monuments and Memorials Commission (Commission). This Commission shall consist of nine members who shall serve without compensation, but be eligible for reimbursement of necessary travel expenditures. The Commission is to be administratively attached to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for budgeting purposes. Requires the Commission to study, hear, and resolve petitions for waivers under the *Tennessee Heritage Protection Act* (Act) and removes such duties from the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC). Authorizes the TDEC, in consultation with the Commission, to employ personnel to conduct its affairs in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, an executive director and administrative staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact – \$320,600/FY23-24  
\$317,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This nine-member Commission will meet quarterly.
- The work of the Commission will reduce the overall workload of the THC; therefore, there will be fewer annual meetings necessary for the THC.
- Based on information provided by the TDEC, the average expense reimbursement per member per meeting for THC is approximately \$84. It is assumed that the average reimbursement for the members of the Commission will be the same.
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures in FY23-24 and subsequent years of \$3,024 (9 members x 4 quarterly meetings x \$84).
- Over the past 3 calendar years, the THC has met 19 times or approximately 6 times annually.
- The THC will reduce total annual meetings by two full meetings.
- The THC consists of 5 ex-officio members and 24 non-ex-officio members.
- Only non-ex-officio members claim expense reimbursements.
- There will be a recurring decrease in state expenditures in FY23-24 and subsequent years of \$4,032 (24 members x 2 meetings x \$84).
- This legislation authorizes the TDEC, in consultation with the Commission, to hire personnel, including, but not limited to, an executive director and legal, technical, and administrative staff.

- The TDEC will hire one executive director, one attorney, and one administrative assistant. There will be an increase in state expenditures in FY23-24 of \$321,584 (\$252,300 salaries + \$63,884 benefits + \$1,800 supplies + \$3,600 computers).
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures in FY24-25 and subsequent years of \$317,984 (\$252,300 salaries + \$63,884 benefits + \$1,800 supplies).
- The net increase in state expenditures in FY23-24 is estimated to be \$320,576 (\$321,584 + \$3,024 - \$4,032).
- The net increase in state expenditures in FY24-25 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$316,976 (\$317,984 + \$3,024 - \$4,032).

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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