



April 4, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (007230):** 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). Establishes that no additional staff or resources, except for travel expenses for members of the Commission, are required to accomplish the intent of this act and requires the THC to provide all staff support for the Commission, including requiring the executive director of the THC to serve as the executive director of this Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**Decrease State Expenditures – Net Impact – \$1,000/FY23-24 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).
- There will be a net decrease in state expenditures in FY23-24 and subsequent years of \$1,008 (\$4,032 - \$3,024).

- The THC will provide all staff support to the Commission. Any increase in state expenditures associated with the work of the Commission will be not significant.

**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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