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RATIONALE

The Michigan Superconducting Super Collider Act was created in 1987 to help the State prepare to establish a proposed \$4.5 billion U.S. Department of Energy superconducting super collider if Michigan is chosen as the project site. The Act established the Michigan Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) Commission which is composed of State officials, representatives of universities, individuals nominated by legislative leaders, and 10 individuals appointed by the Governor representing utilities, business, labor, environmental organizations, local government, and private citizens. The Commission is charged with developing plans for the procurement and development of the proposed super collider project and has had to deliberate a number of different issues. Perhaps the most significant issue has been to try to find equitable ways to acquire property for the super collider from residents in the Stockbridge area — the location of the proposed project site. Acquiring the necessary land for the development of the project is considered crucial if Michigan is to make a serious attempt to win the super collider; consequently, certain residents of the area are being asked to relocate their homes, and the State has committed itself to compensating all of these residents fully. Some have suggested adding to the SSC Commission a Governor-appointed member who is a resident of the proposed area, so that the concerns of those who are being asked to relocate would be better represented.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Superconducting Super Collider Act to expand the membership of the Michigan Superconducting Super Collider Commission from 20 to 21 members. The bill would add one member to the group that the Governor is entitled to appoint to include an individual who was a resident of the area of the proposed site for the superconducting super collider.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government. By adding one member to the Super Collider Commission, the State would have to pay a per diem fee to the member. The per diem rate has not yet been established by the Legislature. The number of days that would be paid is also indeterminate; the meetings would be held "as considered necessary".

ARGUMENTS**Supporting Argument**

Michigan's effort to win the proposed U.S. Department of Energy Superconducting Super Collider has been aided by

the SSC Commission created under the Michigan Superconducting Super Collider Act. The Commission deliberates various concerns associated with the procurement and establishment of the super collider in Michigan, and one of the major concerns of the Commission involves land acquisition. Residents of the area where the super collider will be located if Michigan wins the project have been asked to relocate at the State's expense. Questions regarding the relocation of these residents, such as how much a local property owner should be paid for his or her property, will affect the lives of more than 200 families in the area. The Commission is composed of people who represent State and local government, universities, and legislators, as well as 10 individuals appointed by the Governor who represent a wide range of interests. Currently, none of these Governor-appointed members of the Commission is a resident of the proposed site for the super collider. Such a person could give residents of the area a voice in the Commission's deliberations and could improve negotiations between residents of the area and the State in the land-acquisition and relocation process.

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