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House Bill 4957 (Substitute H-2 as reported with amendment)

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House Committee: Commerce

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission Act to transfer the Commission from the Department of State to the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (DHAL), and to add two members to the Commission.

Currently, the Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, who serve four-year terms, plus three ex officio members (including the Secretary of State). Under the bill, the Commission also would include one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Senate Majority Leader. Those two members would hold office for a two-year term coinciding with the term of the office of State Representative. The DHAL Director would replace the Secretary of State as an ex officio member.

The bill would take effect August 6, 2001, and is tie-barred to House Bill 4941, which would create the DHAL.

MCL 399.82 & 399.83 Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on House Bill 4941 (S-1).

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