

# SENATE BILL No. 881

November 9, 2005, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, JACOBS, GARCIA, JELINEK, KUIPERS, CROPSEY, BIRKHOLZ and TOY and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to create the veterans memorial property commission; to authorize the acquisition of certain property; and to provide for certain duties of certain state agencies.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "veterans memorial property commission act".

3           Sec. 2. The veterans memorial property commission is  
4 established. Within 90 days after the effective date of this act,  
5 the senate majority leader and the speaker of the house of  
6 representatives shall each appoint 3 members to the commission and  
7 the department of military and veterans affairs shall appoint 1  
8 member to the commission. The commission members shall serve at the  
9 pleasure of the legislature and, if a vacancy occurs, the senate

1 majority leader shall appoint a replacement member of the  
2 commission within 90 days after a vacancy has occurred.

3       Sec. 3. The commission shall meet at least 1 time in a  
4 calendar year. The commission shall determine whether any military-  
5 related site in this state should be acquired, by purchase or other  
6 means, so that the department can protect the site as a military or  
7 veterans memorial site. In deciding whether property is available  
8 for acquisition, the commission shall consider input from all of  
9 the following:

10       (a) The department of military and veterans affairs.

11       (b) The department of history, arts, and libraries.

12       (c) The Michigan historical museum.

13       (d) The general public.

14       Sec. 4. Within 180 days of considering input from the parties  
15 enumerated in section 3, the commission shall determine whether to  
16 acquire property for protection under this act and, if a majority  
17 of commission members vote to acquire specific properties, shall  
18 acquire property on behalf of this state for protection.

19       Sec. 5. As used in this act, "military-related site" means  
20 property where a military base, installation, or reserve unit  
21 operation once stood or a site where a battle took place in our  
22 nation's history.

23       Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless

24 Senate Bill No. 882 of

25 the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.