

SENATE BILL No. 521

September 29, 2015, Introduced by Senators HORN and O'BRIEN and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A bill to create the Michigan historical commission; and to prescribe its powers and duties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan historical commission act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Commission" means the Michigan historical commission
5 created in section 3.

6 (b) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

7 (c) "Michigan historical center" means the Michigan historical
8 center established in the Michigan historical center act.

9 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan historical commission is created as
10 an advisory body within the department. The commission shall
11 consist of the following members:

1 (a) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of
2 representatives.

3 (b) One member appointed by the senate majority leader.

4 (c) Seven members appointed by the governor by and with the
5 advice and consent of the senate. One of the members appointed
6 under this subdivision shall be a representative of the Historical
7 Society of Michigan. The governor shall make this appointment from
8 a list of 3 persons nominated by the Historical Society of
9 Michigan.

10 (d) The director of the department, or the director's
11 representative, serving as an ex officio member.

12 (2) The governor shall appoint members of the commission under
13 subsection (1)(c) for 4 years. However, any member serving on the
14 former Michigan historical commission on the effective date of this
15 act shall serve on the commission until the expiration of his or
16 her appointed term to the former Michigan historical commission.

17 (3) A member of the commission appointed to the commission by
18 the speaker of the house of representatives or the senate majority
19 leader under subsection (1)(a) or (b), respectively, shall hold
20 office for a term of 2 years to coincide with the term of office of
21 state representative.

22 (4) A member of the commission shall not receive any
23 compensation for his or her services, except actual and necessary
24 expenses while attending the meetings or carrying out the purposes
25 of the commission.

26 (5) The commission shall meet annually in Lansing and shall
27 organize by electing 1 of its members as president and 1 as vice

1 president, shall appoint a secretary, and shall arrange a time and
2 place of holding regular meetings of the commission and special
3 meetings of the commission as may be necessary.

4 (6) The commission shall meet at least 4 times each year at
5 dates and times scheduled by the commission.

6 (7) The business that the commission performs shall be
7 conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance
8 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

9 (8) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
10 retained by the commission in the performance of an official
11 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,
12 MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

13 (9) The commission shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Advise the department on its responsibilities related to
15 the preservation of historical artifacts and the dissemination of
16 information on Michigan history.

17 (b) Advise the department and the Michigan historical center
18 on the implementation of the Michigan historical center act.

19 (c) Annually review the fee schedule for admissions fees at
20 the Michigan historical center and make recommendations on any
21 appropriate adjustments to those fees. If the commission determines
22 that an adjustment to admission fees is appropriate, the commission
23 shall submit a report to the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and
24 minority vice-chairpersons of the senate and house appropriation
25 subcommittees on natural resources that does all of the following:

26 (i) Includes a recommended admission fee schedule.

27 (ii) Provides a rationale for the recommended admission fee

1 schedule.

2 (iii) Makes recommendations on the uses of any increases in
3 the recommended admission fee schedule.

4 (d) Carry out other responsibilities as provided by law.

5 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
6 date it is enacted into law.

7 Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless
8 Senate Bill No. 522
9 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.