Legislative Analysis

REVISE LAND DISPOSITION TIME FRAMES

House Bill 5777 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell
Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5777 would amend Part 21 (General Real Estate Powers) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to amend certain procedures for the sale and acquisition of state land as part of the public land management procedures of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).[1]

Specifically, the bill would amend Subpart 3 (Exchange of State Lands) to extend the time period for the DNR to approve or deny an application for a proposed exchange of state land from 180 days to 210 days.

The bill would also amend Subpart 10 (Land Exchange Facilitation Fund) to extend the time period for the DNR to approve or deny an application for a proposed sale of surplus land from 180 days to 210 days.

Finally, the bill would require the DNR to provide public notice at least 30 days before making a decision to dispose of, acquire, lease, or develop certain public land of more than 80 acres in size. (The law currently requires notice to be posted at least 30 days before disposing of, acquiring, leasing, or developing such land.) Under the bill, then, the notice would be of a proposed sale, rather than a sale.

MCL 324.2104, 324.2132, and 324.2165

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5777 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources.

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[1] The DNR's public land management and strategic planning procedures were last amended by 2018 PAs 238, 239, and 240. See http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-SB-0302