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**RENAME CARP RIVER FORGE ADVISORY BOARD
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House Bill 5660 as introduced
First Analysis (11-29-88)

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Sponsor: Rep. Dominic J. Jacobelli
Committee: Appropriations

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Carp River forge advisory board was created in 1984 to help advise the Department of State on various aspects related to the construction and operation of a museum built at the Jackson iron forge in Marquette to commemorate the history of iron ore mining in the Lake Superior region. The Jackson forge, or — as it is known locally — Carp River forge, began operations in 1848, and although it operated for only a short time and never produced large quantities of iron, it has historical significance as the first major forge in Michigan. Iron produced in this region contributed to the rapid industrial development of the United States in the last half of the nineteenth century. Although some local residents still refer to the building where the museum is located as the "Carp River forge," the building now holds the Michigan Iron Industry Museum. Apparently, officials overseeing the construction and operation of the museum gave it its name to reflect the museum's broader purpose — to display the history of iron mining not only in the Carp River area but in the whole state. The board, as the official public relations group in charge of touting the museum's educational and historical value to Michigan residents, has therefore requested its own name officially be changed to reflect the name of the museum.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the Carp River Forge Advisory Board Act and its title to change the board's name to the "Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board."

MCL 399.71 et al.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the Department of State, the bill would not affect state expenditures. (11-22-88)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill simply would change the name of the advisory board in charge of promoting and encouraging donations for the Michigan Iron Industry Museum, located in Marquette, to reflect the museum's name. Changing its name would assist the board in its purpose to educate state residents about the history of iron mining in Michigan.

POSITIONS:

The Department of State supports the bill. (11-16-88)

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