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House Bill 4944 (Substitute H-1 as reported with amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Jerry O. Kooiman
House Committee: Commerce
Senate Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Historical Commission Act to transfer the Commission from the Secretary of State to the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (DHAL) (which House Bill 4941 (S-1) would create); revise the membership of the Commission board; and give the DHAL certain powers and duties presently assigned to the Secretary of State.

Currently, the board consists of six members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the Governor ex officio. The bill provides, instead, that the board would consist of one member appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, one member appointed by the Speaker of the House, and seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One of the Governor's appointees would have to be a representative of the Historical Society of Michigan, chosen from a list of three people nominated by the Society. The DHAL Director also would serve on the board ex officio. The Governor's appointees would serve six-year terms (as they now do) and the members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House would serve a two-year term coinciding with the term of office of State Representative.

Currently, money collected from the sale of Michigan history and books, maps, articles, calendars, reprints, and related items must be credited to the Michigan Heritage Publications Fund, which is used to pay for the printing, distribution, and promotion costs of Michigan history and the related materials. Further, money collected from the sale of items in the Michigan Historical Center must be deposited in the Museum Operations Fund, which may be used for various reasons described in the Act. The bill provides that the State Treasurer would have to direct the investment of the money in both Funds, and credit to each Fund interest and earnings investments.

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

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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