

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 521**

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  
10 within the department. The commission shall consist of the

1 following members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (5) The commission shall meet annually to organize by electing

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

5 (6) The commission shall meet at least 4 times each year at  
6 dates and times scheduled by the commission. At least 1 of the  
7 meetings each year shall be in Lansing.

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

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

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

16 (a) Advise the department on its responsibilities related to  
17 the collection of historical artifacts and materials, and the  
18 dissemination of information on Michigan history.

19 (b) Perform responsibilities requested by the director,  
20 including both of the following:

21 (i) Collaborating and participating in Michigan history  
22 related initiatives, activities, efforts, and projects.

23 (ii) Assisting the Michigan historical center in preparing an  
24 annual report to the governor and both houses of the legislature on  
25 Michigan history activities.

26 (c) Annually review the fee schedule for admissions fees at  
27 the Michigan historical center and make recommendations on any

1 appropriate adjustments to those fees. If the commission determines  
2 that an adjustment to admission fees is appropriate, the commission  
3 shall submit a report to the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and  
4 minority vice-chairpersons of the senate and house appropriation  
5 subcommittees on natural resources that does all of the following:

6 (i) Includes a recommended admission fee schedule.

7 (ii) Provides a rationale for the recommended admission fee  
8 schedule.

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

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

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

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