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House Bill 4956 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Susan Tabor
House Committee: Commerce
Senate Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 765 (Mackinac Island State Park) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Transfer the Mackinac Island State Park Commission from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (DHAL).
- Revise responsibilities of the Commission and special police appointed for the island.
- Specify that the Commission would have the control and management of the Mill Creek Site.
- Provide that a person who violated a rule promulgated by the Commission would be responsible for a State civil infraction and could be ordered to pay a civil fine of up to \$500.

The Act permits the Commission to lay out, manage, maintain the park; preserve the old fort; and promulgate and enforce rules necessary to implement Part 765. The bill provides, instead, that the Commission would have the exclusive right to lay out, manage, and maintain the park; preserve the old fort and other property held by the Commission on the bill's effective date or acquired by the Commission after that date; and promulgate and enforce rules necessary to implement the Commission's duties.

The Act authorizes the Commission to issue tax-anticipation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, building, improving, restoring, repairing, or furnishing its property and facilities. The bonds must be signed by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the Commission and attested to by another Commission officer. The signature of either officer, but not both, may be affixed by facsimile. Under the bill, the bonds could be issued in electronic format only or, if issued in paper copies, would have to be signed as currently required. The signature of either officer, but not both, could be affixed by facsimile or electronically.

The bill also would amend Part 635 (Surface and Underground Coal Mine Reclamation) to replace references to the Department of State with references to the DHAL.

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

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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