

HOUSE BILL 1025

By Butler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-412, relative to Tennessee heritage protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-412, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (j):

(1) There is created the Tennessee monuments and memorials commission.

(2) The commission shall study, hear, and resolve petitions for waiver under this section.

(3)

(A) The membership of the commission shall consist of nine (9) members, with three (3) members appointed by the governor, three (3) members appointed by the speaker of the senate, and three (3) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(B) The appointing authorities shall select one (1) member from each grand division of the state.

(C) Members of the commission appointed by the governor serve four-year terms. Members of the commission appointed by either speaker serve two-year terms. Terms of members begin July 1.

(D) The members serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(E) Vacancies must be filled by the respective appointing authority.

(4) The commission shall meet quarterly. The first meeting must be called by the governor. At the first meeting, the commission shall elect a chair, who shall call all subsequent meetings.

(5) This commission is administratively attached to the department of environment and conservation.

(6) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. All actions of the commission must be ratified by a majority vote of all members.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-412(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Commission" means the Tennessee monuments and memorials commission created in subsection (j);

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.