

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 6033 as enrolled
Public Act 488 of 2004
Sponsor: Rep. Leon Drolet
House Committee: Government Operations
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

Senate Bill 1317 as enrolled
Public Act 489 of 2004
Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Kuipers
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs
House Committee: Government Operations

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6033 AND SENATE BILL 1317 AS ENROLLED

Senate Bill 1317 would create the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Monument Fund Commission Act to establish a commission to oversee the financing, design, site location, and construction of a memorial monument dedicated to President Reagan. The commission would have to solicit designs and would select the final design. The commission would be the overseer of the monument fund and would be in the Department of Management and Budget.

House Bill 6033 would create the "Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Monument Fund Act" to establish the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Monument Fund in the Department of Treasury to finance the construction and maintenance of a monument dedicated to the memory of the former president.

Commission and Team Members

The commission would consist of all of the following; the state treasurer or a designee; the attorney general or a designee; the secretary of state or a designee; seven members appointed by the governor, including two selected by the governor, two recommended by the Senate Majority Leader, two recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one recommended by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

Members of the commission would serve four years or until a successor was appointed, whichever is later. If a vacancy were to occur, the vacancy would be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Commission Meetings

The commission would be required to initially convene within six months after the first deposit of money in the memorial fund, and it would have to meet often enough to

expedite the completion of the monument. The commission would be subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. For the purpose of conducting business, a majority of the commission would constitute a quorum.

Funds, Grants, and Gifts

The commission would be permitted to accept on behalf of the monument fund grants or gifts from the federal government, an individual, a public or private corporation, an organization, or a foundation, or any other source. However, the acceptance and use of federal funds would not obligate the legislature to continue the purposes for which federal money was made available. The commission would be required to transmit money received to the state treasurer for deposit in the memorial fund.

Fund Prohibitions

Under House Bill 6033, a person would not be permitted to do any of the following: solicit or collect money through telemarketing; conduct fund-raising activities in the name of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Monument Fund without prior written approval from the commission; and use the name or logo of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Fund or Commission in any fund-raising activity without prior written approval of the commission.

A violation would be a misdemeanor for each separate violation, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

Dissolution of Commission

After construction of the monument was completed and all amounts due in connection with the monument paid, the commission would be dissolved and any balance remaining in the fund would be used to maintain the monument.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bills do not appear to have any significant fiscal impact.

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