

CHAPTER NO. 420

HOUSE BILL NO. 534

By Representatives McDaniel, Roach, Harrison, McCord, Overbey, McKee, Newton, Montgomery, Russell Johnson, McCormick, Marrero, Hackworth, Ferguson, DuBois

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1053

By Senator Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 11, to enact the "Tennessee Military Heritage Act of 2005".

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The Historical Commission is urged to study the original version of House Bill 534 and Senate Bill 1053 introduced during the 104th General Assembly and report back to the chairs of the House of Representatives Conservation and Environment Committee and the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee on its findings by December 15, 2005. In particular the Commission is urged to consider whether there is a need:

(1) For either expansion of the jurisdiction of the Wars Commission or creation of a new entity to cover more of American military history than that which is currently covered by the Wars Commission for purposes including identification, preservation, or legal protection of historical resources; and

(2) For protection of artifacts as well as sites; and how significant is any such need.

(b) The Commission is also urged to estimate what the costs of such programs would be and what would be the most efficient way to meet any of the identified needs, without overlapping with functions of existing agencies or laws.

(c) The Commission is further urged to give advance notice to the sponsors of House Bill 534 and Senate Bill 1053 of any meetings to discuss these items.

(d) The review by the Commission of military heritage objects and sites shall include military sites and shall also encompass non-military sites relevant to the War Between the States, such as structures and objects pertaining to underground railroad efforts. Military heritage shall also include the activities of any person born in Tennessee, who lived in Tennessee, either as an enslaved person or a free person, or whose remains are interred in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 2005


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR