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S.B. 171: FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 171 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Dave Jaye

Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on behalf of the State, to convey for \$1 to the Charter Township of Shelby, property under the DNR's jurisdiction and located in Macomb County, as described in the bill, to be used for public park purposes.

The conveyance would have to require that, within 30 days after the date of the conveyance, a restrictive covenant be filed with the register of deeds. The restrictive covenant would have to specify the land use and/or resource use restrictions that were necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, or the environment, and to assure the effectiveness and integrity of the environmental contamination remedies consistent with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The conveyance would have to be by quitclaim deed approved by the Attorney General and could not reserve mineral rights to the State.

The bill specifies that it pertains solely to the conveyance and restricted use of the property as described in the bill, and would not alter the obligations, rights, or duties, either substantive or procedural, of any party under any judicial or administrative action that took effect before the bill's effective date.

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would convey the remaining approximately 200 acres of State-owned land in the former Rochester-Utica Recreation Area to the Township of Shelby in Macomb County. Much of the other land in the recreation area was conveyed to various other neighboring local units of government in previous legislation.

Since the bill would require the land to remain for public park purposes, there would be no direct fiscal impact on the State or the local units as a result of the conveyance. The State could realize some savings from no longer maintaining and overseeing the property, while the township would acquire these responsibilities. If the township no longer made the land available for public recreation, the land would be transferred back to the State.

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