

# Legislative Analysis

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## STATE POET LAUREATE

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**Senate Bill 181 as passed by the Senate**

**Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Patterson**

**1<sup>st</sup> House Committee: Government Operations (Reported for Referral)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> House Committee: House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics**

**Senate Committee: Commerce and Labor**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Summary**

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## A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 181 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 12-13-05

Senate Bill 181 would create a new act to establish the Office of State Poet Laureate within the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries. The governor could appoint a state poet laureate for a term that did not exceed his or her own term. The poet laureate, a Michigan resident, would serve at the governor's pleasure; be exempt from the classified state civil service; and serve without compensation, but could be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of duties, as assigned by the governor.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the state.

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