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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, No. 348

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MARCH 18, 1993

Sponsored by Senator RAND

1 AN ACT creating the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation
2 Museum Commission, establishing the Railroad and
3 Transportation Museum Commission Expenses Fund and the
4 Railroad and Transportation Museum Fund, and repealing
5 P.L.1987, c.41, P.L.1988, c.5, and P.L.1990, c.58, and making
6 an appropriation.
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8 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
9 *State of New Jersey:*

- 10 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 11 a. The New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Study
12 Commission was created under P.L.1987, c.41, continued under
13 P.L.1988, c.5, and reconstituted under P.L.1990, c.58, for the
14 purpose of investigating the feasibility of establishing a railroad
15 and transportation museum in New Jersey; including in its study
16 such issues as the possible location of the museum, the costs
17 associated with the creation and operation of the museum, and
18 the potential sources and types of financial support required for
19 the museum;
- 20 b. In its Interim Report, published in February 1988, the study
21 commission documented the public interest in, the historical need
22 for, and the financial viability of, a railroad and transportation
23 museum in this State;
- 24 c. Since then, the study commission has devoted many hours to
25 meetings, on-site inspections, public hearings, research and
26 planning, to ensure that the State's railroad and transportation
27 heritage will be preserved in a well-planned, financially sound
28 manner, and that there will be enthusiastic public support for the
29 museum;
- 30 d. The continuity of this planning process must extend beyond
31 the September 30, 1991 expiration date of the legislation
32 authorizing the study commission, if the museum is to succeed,
33 and the extensive preparatory work of the study commission, a
34 major contribution to the museum project, should be expanded
35 upon, so as not to lose the momentum of public interest in the
36 project, and to take advantage of the opportunities now available
37 to obtain equipment, artifacts and other memorabilia, railroad
38 rights-of-way and other real properties, and the sources of
39 funding for the project;
- 40 e. Therefore, it is only appropriate that the Legislature create
41 a new long-term commission, to continue the work of the study
42 commission, and to take further preparatory actions toward
43 creation of the museum. At this time the Department of State is
44 deemed the appropriate authority to establish the museum,
45 pending any final decision made in the future. and for this reason

1 the Department of State is authorized to receive funds for the
2 proposed museum and to take other appropriate preparatory and
3 transitional action.

4 2. There is created, in but not of the Department of State, a
5 commission to be known as the New Jersey Railroad and
6 Transportation Museum Commission, with a membership of 16.
7 The commission shall consist of:

8 a. Two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
9 President thereof, who shall not be of the same political party,
10 and two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by
11 the Speaker thereof, who shall not be of the same political party.
12 A legislative member shall serve only as long as he or she is a
13 member of the House which made the original appointment.

14 b. The Commissioner of Transportation, or his designee, the
15 Commissioner of Commerce, Energy and Economic Development,
16 or his designee, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
17 or his designee, the Secretary of State, or his designee, the State
18 Treasurer, or his designee, and the Executive Director of the New
19 Jersey Transit Corporation or his designee.

20 c. Six public members, to be appointed by the Governor, with
21 the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be
22 chosen from the United Railroad Historical Society, one of whom
23 shall be chosen from the Friends of the New Jersey Railroad and
24 Transportation Museum, and the rest of whom shall be chosen
25 from among persons who are affiliated with railroad or
26 transportation historical preservation, exhibition or tourism
27 organizations in New Jersey, or from among persons who have
28 knowledge of, individual experience with, or demonstrated
29 interest in, New Jersey railroad or transportation history,
30 preservation, exhibition or tourism. If a public member is chosen
31 from the United Railroad Historical Society, the Friends of the
32 New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum, or a railroad or
33 transportation historical preservation, exhibition or tourism
34 organization, the public member shall have the power to appoint
35 a designee from the membership of the organization. If one of
36 these organizations goes out of existence, the position on the
37 commission shall be considered vacant, and the position may be
38 filled, for the unexpired term only, from among persons who are
39 affiliated with other railroad or transportation historical
40 preservation, exhibition or tourism organizations in New Jersey,
41 or from among persons who have knowledge of, individual
42 experience with, or demonstrated interest in, New Jersey railroad
43 or transportation history, preservation, exhibition or tourism.
44 The public members shall have terms of three years, and shall be
45 eligible for reappointment to the commission; except that, of
46 those first appointed, two of the public members shall have terms
47 of three years, two shall have terms of two years and two shall
48 have terms of one year, and all of the members first appointed
49 shall be eligible for reappointment.

50 All appointments shall be made within 60 days of the effective
51 date of this act. For purposes of continuity, and to the extent
52 practicable and feasible, the first appointments to the
53 commission shall include the legislative, ex officio, and public
54 members of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum

1 Study Commission last serving on that study commission; except
2 that a member of the study commission shall have the right to
3 decline appointment to the new commission. Vacancies in the
4 membership of the commission shall be filled, for the unexpired
5 term only, in the manner described in subsections a. through c. of
6 this section, and within 60 days of the vacancy. Members of the
7 commission shall serve without compensation for performing
8 their duties as members, but the commission may, within the
9 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
10 therefor, reimburse members for the actual expenses necessarily
11 incurred in the performance of their duties.

12 3. The commission shall organize as soon as possible after the
13 appointment of its members and shall select a chairman from
14 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of
15 the commission.

16 4. The commission may:

17 a. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature
18 and the Department of State concerning the general nature and
19 scope of a transportation and railroad museum, including the
20 presentation and examination of various alternative sites for the
21 museum. The commission shall make no recommendations or
22 decisions concerning a choice of a preliminary or final site for
23 the museum unless it has developed a master plan therefor,
24 provided, however, that the Legislature has by law authorized the
25 development of such a plan;

26 b. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature
27 and the Department of State concerning the selection of
28 architectural and interior design plans for the railroad and
29 transportation museum;

30 c. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature
31 and the Department of State concerning the selection,
32 acquisition, movement, storage and security of railroad and
33 transportation related equipment, memorabilia, books, papers,
34 and other documents;

35 d. Raise funds, through direct solicitation or other fund raising
36 events, alone, or in conjunction with nonprofit railroad or
37 transportation groups in this State, and accept gifts, donations,
38 devises and bequests, for the purposes of a State railroad and
39 transportation museum and to defray the administrative expenses
40 of the commission;

41 e. Work with various nonprofit railroad and transportation
42 groups around the State, for purposes of obtaining funding and
43 enhancing public interest in the museum project;

44 f. Continue any studies or projects begun by the New Jersey
45 Railroad and Transportation Museum Study Commission, and
46 prepare any new studies or projects related to the creation and
47 development of a railroad and transportation museum in this
48 State.

49 5. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance
50 and avail itself of the services and assistance of such officials
51 and employees of the State and its political subdivisions and their
52 departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, authorities and
53 agencies as it may require and as may be available to it for its
54 purposes; and to employ the professional staff, including an

1 executive director, and the stenographic and clerical assistants,
2 and incur the traveling and other miscellaneous expenses,
3 including the maintenance of office space on State property, as it
4 may deem necessary, in order to perform its duties, and may
5 expend any funds as may be appropriated or otherwise made
6 available to it for its purposes. The professional staff, and the
7 stenographic and clerical assistants, may choose to serve the
8 commission on a volunteer basis, without pay. To the extent
9 practicable and feasible, the commission shall be entitled to use,
10 free of charge, or at a minimal rental fee, State property for
11 office space.

12 6. The commission may meet and hold hearings at any place or
13 places as it shall designate during the sessions or recesses of the
14 Legislature. The commission shall report a summary of its
15 activities and its findings, conclusions and recommendations to
16 the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of State on an
17 annual basis, not later than March 1 of each year of the
18 commission's life, accompanying them with any legislative bills
19 which it may desire to recommend for adoption by the
20 Legislature.

21 7. The commission shall establish a fund for its administrative
22 expenses, to be held by the State Treasurer, which shall be called
23 the "Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission Expenses
24 Fund," which shall be kept separate and apart from the Railroad
25 and Transportation Museum Fund established by section 9 of this
26 act. The moneys in the fund shall be invested and reinvested as
27 provided by law for other funds in the custody of the State
28 Treasurer. Monies may be disbursed from the fund upon the vote
29 of the commission and a record of receipts and expenditures shall
30 be maintained by the commission with an annual record thereof
31 being transmitted to the State Treasurer where it shall be subject
32 to public inspection during regular business hours.

33 8. The Department of State is authorized to acquire, through
34 purchase, transfer, condemnation, devise, bequest, donation, gift
35 or otherwise, in the name of the State, for purposes of a State
36 railroad and transportation museum, and subject to the
37 availability of appropriations or other funds as may be necessary
38 therefor, any real property, including, but not limited to land,
39 buildings, improvements, and railroad rights-of-way. The
40 department may use moneys from the Railroad and
41 Transportation Museum Fund to effectuate its responsibilities
42 under this section. Additionally, the Department of State is
43 authorized to acquire, through purchase, transfer, devise,
44 donation, gift or otherwise, railroad and transportation related
45 equipment, memorabilia, books, papers, and other documents.
46 The Department of State also is authorized to provide for the
47 selecting, moving, securing and storage of any such acquisitions
48 by the New Jersey Transit Corporation or by any department or
49 agency which the Department of State shall deem appropriate.

50 9. There is established in the Department of State a fund to be
51 known as the "Railroad and Transportation Museum Fund." The
52 fund shall be credited with moneys received under subsection d.
53 of section 4 of this act, and with any other moneys and
54 appropriations obtained by the department for railroad and

1 transportation museum purposes. All interest earned on the
2 investment moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
3 Appropriations of moneys made by the Legislature to the
4 commission or otherwise received by the commission for its
5 administrative purposes shall be credited to the fund established
6 under section 7 of this act until the expiration date of the
7 commission under section 13 of this act. The moneys in the fund
8 established by this section shall be administered by the Secretary
9 of State, to be held thereby in the fund until appropriated by
10 law. Moneys from the fund shall be used only for the purposes of
11 a State railroad and transportation museum, including, but not
12 limited to, the costs related to the establishment of the museum;
13 the acquisition of a site for the museum; the selection and
14 preparation of the architectural and interior design plans for the
15 museum; and the acquisition, storage and security for railroad
16 and transportation related equipment, memorabilia, books papers
17 and other documents for the museum. Not later than one year
18 after the effective date of this act, and quarterly thereafter, the
19 Secretary of State shall certify to the Legislature, the
20 Department of the Treasury, and the commission until the date of
21 its expiration under section 13 of this act, the total amount of
22 moneys in the fund.

23 Moneys received by the fund to be used for an expressly
24 specified purpose, such as, but not limited to, moneys expressly
25 donated for the purchase of a certain type of railroad or
26 transportation equipment for the railroad and transportation
27 museum, shall be held in a restricted account within the fund.
28 Interest earned on investment moneys in each restricted account
29 shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund shall be
30 invested and reinvested in the same manner that trust funds in
31 the custody of the State Treasurer are invested and reinvested.

32 10. Upon expiration of the New Jersey Railroad and
33 Transportation Museum Commission, in accordance with section
34 13 of this act, all moneys remaining in the fund established under
35 section 7 of this act shall lapse to the Railroad and
36 Transportation Museum Fund.

37 11. P.L.1987, c.41, P.L.1988, c.5 and P.L.1990, c.58 are
38 repealed.

39 12. There is appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to the commission
40 for its administrative expenses, to be deposited in the fund
41 established under section 7 of this act.

42 13. This act shall take effect immediately and, except for
43 sections 8, 9 and 10 hereof, this act shall expire on September 30,
44 2002.

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49 Creates the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum
50 Commission; establishes the Railroad and Transportation Museum
51 Fund and the Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission
52 Expenses Fund; appropriates \$5,000.

SENATE, No. 348

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 13, 1992

By Senator RAND

1 **AN ACT** creating the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation
2 Museum Commission, authorizing the Department of State to
3 establish a railroad and transportation museum, establishing
4 the Railroad and Transportation Museum Fund, and repealing
5 P.L.1987, c.41, P.L.1988, c.5, and P.L.1990, c.58.
6

7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
8 *State of New Jersey:*

9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. The New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Study
11 Commission was created under P.L.1987, c.41, continued under
12 P.L.1988, c.5, and reconstituted under P.L.1990, c.58, for the
13 purpose of investigating the feasibility of establishing a railroad
14 and transportation museum in New Jersey; including in its study,
15 such issues as the possible location of the museum, the costs
16 associated with the creation and operation of the museum, and
17 the potential sources and types of financial support required for
18 the museum;

19 b. In its Interim Report, published in February 1988, the study
20 commission documented the public interest in, the historical need
21 for, and the financial viability of, a railroad and transportation
22 museum in this State;

23 c. Since then, the study commission has devoted many hours to
24 meetings, on-site inspections, public hearings, research and
25 planning, to ensure that the State's railroad and transportation
26 heritage will be preserved in a well-planned, financially sound
27 manner, and that there will be enthusiastic public support for the
28 museum;

29 d. The continuity of this planning process must extend beyond
30 the September 30, 1991 expiration date of the legislation
31 authorizing the study commission, if the museum is to succeed,
32 and the extensive preparatory work of the study commission, a
33 major contribution to the museum project, should be expanded
34 upon, so as not to lose the momentum of public interest in the
35 project, and to take advantage of the opportunities now available
36 to obtain equipment, artifacts and other memorabilia, railroad
37 rights-of-way and other real properties, and the sources of
38 funding for the project;

39 e. Therefore, it is only appropriate that the Legislature create
40 a new long-term commission, to take over, and expand upon, the
41 work of the study commission, and to take further preparatory
42 actions toward creation of the museum. It also is appropriate to
43 give the Department of State the authority to establish the
44 museum, and to create a special funding source.

45 2. There is created a commission to be known as the New

1 Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission, with a
2 membership of 16. The commission shall consist of:

3 a. Two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
4 President thereof, who shall not be of the same political party,
5 and two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by
6 the Speaker thereof, who shall not be of the same political party.
7 A legislative member shall serve only as long as he or she is a
8 member of the House which made the original appointment.

9 b. The Commissioner of Transportation, or his designee, the
10 Commissioner of Commerce, Energy and Economic Development,
11 or his designee, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
12 or his designee, the Secretary of State, or his designee, the State
13 Treasurer, or his designee, and the Executive Director of the New
14 Jersey Transit Corporation or his designee.

15 c. Six public members, to be appointed by the Governor, with
16 the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be
17 chosen from the United Railroad Historical Society, one of whom
18 shall be chosen from the Friends of the New Jersey Railroad and
19 Transportation Museum, and the rest of whom shall be chosen
20 from among persons who are affiliated with railroad or
21 transportation historical preservation, exhibition or tourism
22 organizations in New Jersey, or from among persons who have
23 knowledge of, individual experience with, or demonstrated
24 interest in, New Jersey railroad or transportation history,
25 preservation, exhibition or tourism. If a public member is chosen
26 from the United Railroad Historical Society, the Friends of the
27 New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum, or a railroad or
28 transportation historical preservation, exhibition or tourism
29 organization, the public member shall have the power to appoint
30 a designee from the membership of the organization. If one of
31 these organizations goes out of existence, the position on the
32 commission shall be considered vacant, and the position may be
33 filled, for the unexpired term only, from among persons who are
34 affiliated with other railroad or transportation historical
35 preservation, exhibition or tourism organizations in New Jersey,
36 or from among persons who have knowledge of, individual
37 experience with, or demonstrated interest in, New Jersey railroad
38 or transportation history, preservation, exhibition or tourism.
39 The public members shall have terms of three years, and shall be
40 eligible for reappointment to the commission; except that, of
41 those first appointed, two of the public members shall have terms
42 of three years, two shall have terms of two years and two shall
43 have terms of one year, and all of the members first appointed
44 shall be eligible for reappointment.

45 All appointments shall be made within 60 days of the effective
46 date of this act. For purposes of continuity, and to the extent
47 practicable and feasible, the first appointments to the
48 commission shall include the legislative, ex officio, and public
49 members of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum
50 Study Commission last serving on that study commission; except
51 that a member of the study commission shall have the right to
52 decline appointment to the new commission. Vacancies in the
53 membership of the commission shall be filled, for the unexpired
54 term only, in the manner described in subsections a. through c. of

1 this section, and within 60 days of the vacancy. Members of the
2 commission shall serve without compensation for performing
3 their duties as members, but the commission may, within the
4 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
5 therefor, reimburse members for the actual expenses necessarily
6 incurred in the performance of their duties.

7 3. The commission shall organize as soon as possible after the
8 appointment of its members and shall select a chairman from
9 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of
10 the commission.

11 4. The commission may:

12 a. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature
13 and the Department of State concerning the selection and
14 acquisition of a site for a railroad and transportation museum,
15 including the type of land, buildings and improvements, and
16 railroad rights-of-way necessary therefor;

17 b. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature
18 and the Department of State concerning the selection of
19 architectural and interior design plans for the railroad and
20 transportation museum;

21 c. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature
22 and the Department of State concerning the selection,
23 acquisition, movement, storage and security of railroad and
24 transportation related equipment, memorabilia, books, papers,
25 and other documents;

26 d. Raise funds, through direct solicitation or other fund raising
27 events, alone, or in conjunction with nonprofit railroad or
28 transportation groups in this State, and accept gifts, donations,
29 devises and bequests, for the purposes of a State railroad and
30 transportation museum;

31 e. Work with various nonprofit railroad and transportation
32 groups around the State, for purposes of obtaining funding and
33 enhancing public interest in the museum project;

34 f. Continue any studies or projects begun by the New Jersey
35 Railroad and Transportation Museum Study Commission, and
36 prepare any new studies or projects related to the creation and
37 development of a railroad and transportation museum in this
38 State.

39 5. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance
40 and avail itself of the services and assistance of such officials
41 and employees of the State and its political subdivisions and their
42 departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, authorities and
43 agencies as it may require and as may be available to it for its
44 purposes; and to employ the professional staff, including an
45 executive director, and the stenographic and clerical assistants,
46 and incur the traveling and other miscellaneous expenses,
47 including the maintenance of office space on State property, as it
48 may deem necessary, in order to perform its duties, and may
49 expend any funds as may be appropriated or otherwise made
50 available to it for its purposes. The professional staff, and the
51 stenographic and clerical assistants, may choose to serve the
52 commission on a volunteer basis, without pay. To the extent
53 practicable and feasible, the commission shall be entitled to use,
54 free of charge, or at a minimal rental fee, State property for

1 office space.

2 6. The commission may meet and hold hearings at any place or
3 places as it shall designate during the sessions or recesses of the
4 Legislature. The commission shall report a summary of its
5 activities and its findings, conclusions and recommendations to
6 the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of State on an
7 annual basis, not later than March 1 of each year of the
8 commission's life, accompanying them with any legislative bills
9 which it may desire to recommend for adoption by the
10 Legislature.

11 7. The Department of State shall establish, and is authorized
12 to accept and act upon any recommendation of the New Jersey
13 Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission concerning the
14 establishment of, a railroad and transportation museum for this
15 State, including the selection and acquisition of a site for the
16 museum and the selection of architectural and interior design
17 plans for the museum. The department is authorized to acquire,
18 through purchase, transfer, condemnation, devise, bequest,
19 donation, gift or otherwise, in the name of the State, for purposes
20 of a State railroad and transportation museum, and subject to the
21 availability of appropriations or other funds as may be necessary
22 therefor, any real property, including, but not limited to land,
23 buildings, improvements, and railroad rights-of-way. The
24 department may use moneys from the Railroad and
25 Transportation Museum Fund to effectuate its responsibilities
26 under this section. Additionally, the Department of State is
27 authorized to acquire, through purchase, transfer, devise,
28 donation, gift or otherwise, railroad and transportation related
29 equipment, memorabilia, books, papers, and other documents.
30 The Department of State also is authorized to provide for the
31 selecting, moving, securing and storage of any such acquisitions.

32 8. a. All funds received under subsection d. of section 4 of
33 this act shall be deposited into the Railroad and Transportation
34 Museum Fund, established in subsection b. of this section.

35 b. There is established in the Department of State a fund to be
36 known as the "Railroad and Transportation Museum Fund." The
37 fund shall be credited with the moneys received under subsection
38 d. of section 4 of this act, and with any other moneys and
39 appropriations obtained by the department for railroad and
40 transportation museum purposes. All interest earned on the
41 investment moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
42 Appropriations of moneys made by the Legislature to the
43 commission for its administrative purposes shall not be credited
44 to the fund until the expiration date of the commission under
45 section 12 of this act. The moneys in the fund shall be
46 administered by the Secretary of State, to be held thereby in the
47 fund until appropriated by law. Moneys from the fund shall be
48 used only for the purposes of a State railroad and transportation
49 museum, including, but not limited to, the costs related to the
50 establishment of the museum; the acquisition of a site for the
51 museum; the selection and preparation of the architectural and
52 interior design plans for the museum; and the acquisition, storage
53 and security for railroad and transportation related equipment,
54 memorabilia, books papers and other documents for the museum.

1 Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, and
2 quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of State shall certify to the
3 Legislature, the Department of the Treasury, and the commission
4 until the date of its expiration under section 12 of this act, the
5 total amount of moneys in the fund.

6 Moneys received by the fund to be used for an expressly
7 specified purpose, such as, but not limited to, moneys expressly
8 donated for the purchase of a certain type of railroad or
9 transportation equipment for the railroad and transportation
10 museum, shall be held in a restricted account within the fund.
11 Interest earned on investment moneys in each restricted account
12 shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund shall be
13 invested and reinvested in the same manner that trust funds in
14 the custody of the State Treasurer are invested and reinvested.

15 9. Notwithstanding the provision of any law, rule or regulation
16 to the contrary, any moneys previously appropriated to the New
17 Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Study Commission,
18 under P.L.1987, c.41, P.L.1988, c.5 or P.L.1990, c.58, which were
19 unexpended as of September 30, 1991, shall be appropriated to
20 the account of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation
21 Museum Commission to effectuate the purposes of this act.

22 10. Upon expiration of the New Jersey Railroad and
23 Transportation Museum Commission, in accordance with section
24 12 of this act, all moneys remaining in the account of the
25 commission shall lapse to the Railroad and Transportation
26 Museum Fund.

27 11. P.L.1987, c.41, P.L.1988, c.5 and P.L.1990, c.58 are
28 repealed.

29 12. This act shall take effect immediately; section 9 shall be
30 retroactive to September 30, 1991; and, except for sections 7, 8
31 and 10 hereof, this act shall expire on September 30, 2002.

32 33 34 STATEMENT

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36 This bill would create the New Jersey Railroad and
37 Transportation Museum Commission. The commission would be
38 comprised of 16 members: four members selected from the
39 Legislature, two from each House; six members from the
40 Executive branch of government; and six members from the
41 public. The commission would be authorized to make
42 recommendations regarding the site and design of a railroad and
43 transportation museum, the acquisition of railroad related
44 documents and memorabilia, and to raise funds for the museum.

45 The bill also would establish a Railroad and Transportation
46 Fund for purposes of financing the museum. It is assumed that
47 most of the moneys in the fund would come from fund-raising
48 events, gifts, donations, bequests, devises and appropriations.
49 Moneys in the fund would be appropriated by the Legislature only
50 for railroad and transportation museum purposes. Restricted
51 accounts would be created within the fund for moneys given or
52 otherwise received by the fund for expressly specified uses.

53 Finally, the bill would repeal the laws establishing, continuing
54 and reconstituting the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation

1 Study Commission, and would appropriate any moneys previously
2 appropriated to, but unexpended by, the study commission to the
3 new museum commission.

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8 Creates the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum
9 Commission; authorizes the Department of State to establish a
10 railroad and transportation museum; establishes the Railroad and
11 Transportation Museum Fund.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, No. 348

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 24, 1993

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 348 (Scs).

Senate Bill No. 348 (Scs) establishes the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission. The commission would be comprised of 16 members. The commission would be authorized to make recommendations regarding the general nature, scope and design of a railroad and transportation museum including a presentation and examination of alternate sites and the acquisition of railroad related documents and memorabilia, and to raise funds for the museum. However, the commission is precluded from recommending a site for the museum unless it had developed a master plan. The plan would have to be authorized by law before it could be undertaken. The commission is required to report annually on activities to the Governor, the Legislature and the Department of State. The commission would expire on September 30, 2002.

The Department of State is authorized to acquire real property and railroad and transportation related equipment, memorabilia, books, papers and other documents. The department is authorized to provide for the selecting, moving, securing and storage of any such acquisitions by the New Jersey Transit Corporation or by any other department or agency which the department deems appropriate. The bill repeals the laws establishing the study commission.

This bill is identical to A-858 (1R) as amended and reported by this committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill establishes a Railroad and Transportation Museum Fund for the purposes of financing the museum. Most of the funding will come from fund-raising events, gifts, donations, bequests, devises and appropriations. Moneys in the fund would be appropriated by the Legislature only for railroad and transportation museum purposes. Restricted accounts would be created within the fund for moneys given to or otherwise received by the fund for expressly specified uses. In addition, a separate fund is created to defray the administrative expenses of the commission.

This bill appropriates \$5,000 to the new museum commission for its administrative expenses.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 348

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 23, 1992

The Senate Transportation Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 348 with committee amendments.

This bill creates the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission. The commission will be comprised of 16 members: four members selected from the Legislature, two appointed from each House by the respective presiding officer; six ex-officio members from the Executive branch of government; and six members from the public to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commission is authorized to make recommendations regarding the site and design of a railroad and transportation museum, the acquisition of railroad related documents and memorabilia, the amount of appropriations necessary to establish the museum and ways to raise other funds for the museum. The bill requires the Department of State to establish the museum upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose, and authorizes the department to act on any of the commission's recommendations in doing so.

The bill also establishes a Railroad and Transportation Museum Fund for the purposes of financing the museum. It is assumed that most of the moneys in the fund will come from fund-raising events, gifts, donations, bequests, devises and appropriations. Moneys in the fund will be appropriated by the Legislature only for railroad and transportation museum purposes. Restricted accounts will be created within the fund for moneys given to or otherwise received by the fund for expressly specified uses.

Finally, the bill repeals the laws establishing, continuing and reconstituting the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Study Commission, and appropriates any moneys previously appropriated to, but unexpended by, the study commission to the new museum commission.

The committee amendments require that the commission report contain a recommended amount of money to be appropriated to the Department of State for the establishment of the museum, and provide that the requirement of establishing the museum apply only upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose.

FISCAL NOTE TO

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SENATE, No. 348

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: September 10, 1992

Senate Bill No. 348 [1R] of 1992 would create the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission, in but not of, the Department of State which would be authorized to make recommendations regarding the site and design of a railroad and transportation museum and the acquisition of railroad related documents and memorabilia, and to raise funds for the museum. The bill also establishes a Railroad and Transportation Fund for the purpose of financing the museum through fund raising activities, gifts, donations and legislative appropriations.

The Department of State notes that it would incur approximately \$100,000 in salary expenses for an Executive Director and support staff for the commission. An additional \$35,000 would be required for office-related expenses, for a total first-year cost of \$135,000. Based on the current cost of operating the New Jersey State Museum, the department further notes that once established, the museum would incur annual operating expenses of approximately \$2,000,000. However, depending upon the amount of donations, bequests and private money received each year for the museum, these expenses could be reduced.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs but notes that the bill permits the commission to make use of volunteer professional staff. If the commission selects to use volunteer rather than paid staff, the department would save \$135,000 in salary expenses. The Office of Legislative Services adds that although the department provided an estimate of the proposed museum's operating expenses, it gave no estimate of potential construction costs.

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.