

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2691-01  
BILL NO.: Perfected SB 0555  
SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources; Authorization of acquisition  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: March 14, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0 to (\$21,500)	\$0 to (\$7,210)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$21,500)*</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$7,210)*</b>

\*Costs subject to appropriation and acquisition of property

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

The **Office of Administration** assumes there would be no fiscal impact to their agency as a result of this proposal.

The **Department of Natural Resources** does not anticipate the occurrence in FY 2001 of any expenses related to this proposal. They have already submitted their budget request for FY 2001, so they anticipate the deferral of expenses related to this proposal until FY 2002. **DNR** does anticipate costs for FY's 2002 and 2003. They estimate the costs for this proposal to include capital improvement funds to replace the semicircular drive with a graveled driveway, add two additional graveled parking spaces and provide an improved drainage system to total \$2,500. Also, they estimate highway entrance and boundary signs to total \$2,000. **DNR** assumes they will incur the aforementioned costs in FY 2002. Additionally, they estimate a contractual caretaker agreement to total \$6,000 per year. Further, they also estimate beginning operating and maintenance expenses to total \$1,000 per year.

**DNR** states that this fiscal estimate does not reflect costs for the purchase of the property because the price per acre and the method of acquisition is unknown. **DNR** assumes that if they are required to purchase the property, the funding would come from General Revenue. **DNR** also states that there are core funds available in the department's Civil War Marker program. These funds have already been designated for production of a marker to commemorate the battles fought on this battlefield.

The **Newton County Assessor's Office** provided Oversight with an estimate as to the appraised value of this property. The **Assessor's Office** could only provide Oversight with a rough estimate because the current owner of the land, the Newtonia Battlefields Protection Association, is exempt from taxes; therefore, the **Assessor's Office** did not have record of the appraised value. They estimate the appraised value of this property to be \$10,000 which is based on the value of the land near this property and on the fact that this property would be used for general purposes.

**Oversight** assumes the cost to acquire this property would be incurred by **DNR** in FY 2002.

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost - Department of Natural Resources</u>			
Equipment and Expense	\$0	\$0 to (\$9,000)	\$0 to (\$7,210)
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0 to (\$2,500)	\$0
Purchase of land	\$0	\$0 to (\$10,000)	\$0
 Total <u>Cost - DNR</u>	 <b><u>\$0</u></b>	 <b><u>\$0 to (\$21,500)*</u></b>	 <b><u>\$0 to (\$7,210)*</u></b>

\*Costs subject to appropriation and acquisition of property

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.


DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to accept or acquire, administer, maintain and improve property owned by the Newtonia Battlefields Protection Association which represents battle sites of the battles of Newtonia.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional rental space, but it would require capital improvements.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Natural Resources  
 Newton County Assessor's Office  
 Office of Administration

  
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