

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

126th General Assembly of Ohio

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BILL:	S.B. 277	DATE:	September 19, 2006
STATUS:	As Reported by House State Government	SPONSOR:	Sen. Jacobson
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED:	No —		No local cost
CONTENTS:	Creates the National Statuary Collection Study Committee		

State Fiscal Highlights

- Creates the National Statuary Collection Study Committee to recommend an individual to replace Governor William Allen as one of Ohio's representatives in the National Statuary Collection in the United States Capitol. The members of the Study Committee will serve without compensation. The bill does not provide for members to be reimbursed for expenses. The bill also requires this Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly. Presumably, this report would be prepared and produced within the General Assembly's existing budget. Therefore, no additional costs would result from the formation of the Study Committee.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the National Statuary Collection Study Committee to recommend an individual to replace Governor William Allen as one of Ohio's representatives in the National Statuary Collection in the United States Capitol. The Committee would consist of six voting members, including three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives. Additionally, the Committee may appoint nonvoting members representing state agencies, educational institutions, or private organizations that have expertise in Ohio history. The members of the Committee are to serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

The Committee is to study and review the lives of Ohioans who positively represent the state based on talents, character, and contributions in order to recommend an individual to replace Governor William Allen as one of Ohio's representatives in the National Statuary Collection in the United States Capitol. The results of this study are to be issued in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly not later than one year after the effective date of this bill. After that time, the Study Committee shall cease to exist. All this would be done within the General Assembly's existing operating budget at no new cost.

Each statue in the National Statuary Collection is the gift of a state, not of an individual or group of citizens. According to information provided on the web site of the Architect of the Capitol, the state is responsible for the following expenditures: the cost of paying the sculptor; carving or casting the statue; creating a pedestal and any desired inscription; transporting the statue and pedestal to the United States Capitol; removing and transporting the replaced statue; temporarily erecting the new statue in the Rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling ceremony; expenses related to the unveiling ceremony; and any other expenses that the state may find it necessary to incur. The state must provide for a method of obtaining the necessary funds. These expenses would be determined and incurred at a later date after a replacement individual has been recommended and are not related to the current legislation. Therefore, there is no direct fiscal impact associated with this bill.

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