

HB 491 -- Missouri State Park Board

Sponsor: McGhee

This bill establishes the Missouri State Park Board, created by Executive Order 86-26, which is responsible for managing all aspects of the Historical Marker Program. The board will consist of eight members, two of whom must reside in a county in which a state historic site of significant military history is located.

The Department of Natural Resources and other state agencies are prohibited from erecting, modifying, or removing any state historic military monument located on any site under its control or located on state land listed on the board's registry without first holding a public hearing and receiving the board's approval. The department must publish a public hearing notice in the Missouri Register at least 60 days in advance of any action to seek the board's approval. The notice must also be published once a week for two weeks in any qualified newspaper in the area where the monument is located.

Anyone who knowingly removes, defaces, or destroys any registered state historic military monument without the approval of the General Assembly or the board will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.