OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7079

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from one to three years, the length of the State Historic Preservation Review Board’s member terms, and staggers their terms by requiring half of the members appointed between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, to serve two year terms. The bill also allows members to be reappointed to additional terms.

The bill shortens, from 60 days to 30 days, the required notice the board must provide to a municipality before considering whether to act on the nomination of a property in such municipality to the National Register of Historic Places. By law, the board must provide the notice to the municipal preservation board, or if there is no board, the municipality’s chief executive officer. The bill allows, rather than requires, the State Historic Preservation Officer to attend public hearings held by municipal preservation boards on such nominations.

The bill also makes technical changes and corrections, including changing the board’s name from the State Historic Preservation Board to the State Historic Preservation Review Board, as is consistent with current practice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee
Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 19   Nay 0   (03/19/2019)