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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 267
Committee: Economic Growth
Date: July 1, 2011
Member: Rep. Schultz
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RECs and State Historical Preservation Office Bill

House File 267 (formerly HF 210) is a bill that addresses problems that rural electric cooperatives (RECs) have had with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). The bill specifically lays out that when an REC is doing construction while using federal funds, they only have to meet the standards set forth by the National Historical Preservation Act (e.g. federal standards). Currently, RECs are forced to abide by standards promulgated by SHPO, which go further than federal standards.

Summary of Action

Passed Economic Growth Committee 18-0
Passed House 93-0
Amended by Senate and Passed 45-1
Passed House 88-4
Signed by Governor

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Review

This section states that recommendations and decisions of the state historical preservation officer shall be subject to review of the director.

Section 2 – Effort Required by RECs

This section stipulates that RECs, while performing construction when federal funds are involved, need to conduct an archaeological site survey of the proposed route only when a historic property is likely to exist within the proposed route. The bill then clarifies that the survey that is required shall be no more arduous than the federal standards set forth in the National Historical Preservation Act.

Section 3 – Effective Date

This section states that the act takes effect upon enactment.

