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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state parks; amending s. 258.007, F.S.; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to meet specified notice and publication requirements before erecting a historical monument within the state park system; providing for review of the division's decision to erect a historical monument by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 258.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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258.007 Powers of division.-

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(5) (a) The division, in cooperation with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State, is authorized and empowered to select and designate, within the state park system, sites of historic interest and value and to erect and maintain appropriate signs or markers indicating said sites upon public property as well as upon private property where permission is obtained. The division may not erect a historical monument that indicates a site of historical interest and value unless the division first publishes, for 1 week, a public notice

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of the division's decision to erect such a monument in a

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newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties where the site is located. If there is no such newspaper within the county or counties, the division shall post the notice at each entrance to the site of historical interest and value where the proposed historical monument will be erected. The Department of Environmental Protection may adopt rules specifying the content of the public notice. As used in this subsection, the term "historical monument" means a permanent structure erected to commemorate a person or important event of historical significance to the state, a region of the state, or a local community.

(b) Within 30 days after the public notice appears in a newspaper of general circulation or is posted as provided in paragraph (a), any person may submit a written request to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to review the division's decision to erect a historical monument.

Upon receipt of such a request, the board shall, within 90 days, vote on whether to approve the division's decision to erect the historical monument at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board. The board may only approve the division's decision upon a majority vote of the members of the board.

 $\underline{\text{(c)}}$  The division is authorized to receive gifts and donations from any source to carry out the purpose of this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.