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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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Reps. Hottinger, Evans, Wagoner, Flowers, Stebelton

BILL SUMMARY

- Permits land acquired by a board of township trustees for the purpose of protecting or preserving "greenspace" to be used for recreational purposes.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Continuing law provides that the taxing authority of a subdivision, by resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members of the taxing authority and with the approval of the subdivision's voters, may levy property taxes for the purpose of a board of township trustees acquiring, other than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or wetlands, or restoring or maintaining land, water, or wetlands in which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of recreation, but for the purposes of protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use (i.e. protecting or preserving "greenspace"). The bill specifies that land is not acquired for purposes of recreation, even if the land is used for recreational purposes, so long as no building, structure, or fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached or affixed to the land.

HISTORY

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