

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Institutions to which was referred House Bill No. 880
3 entitled “An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 2613 is added to read:

8 § 2613. ABENAKI PLACE NAMES IN STATE PARKS

9 The Commissioner, before installing new signs or replacing existing signs
10 in a State park, shall consult with the Vermont Commission on Native
11 American Affairs to determine if there is an Abenaki name for any site within
12 the park. If the Commission on Native American Affairs advises the
13 Commissioner of an Abenaki name, the Abenaki name shall be displayed with
14 the English name.

15 Sec. 2. LIST OF PLACES WITH ABENAKI NAMES

16 On or before March 15, 2021, the Vermont Commission on Native
17 American Affairs shall prepare a list of places and landmarks with Abenaki
18 names. If there are multiple names or spelling variations for a place, the
19 Commission shall select a name or spelling to be used on signs in State parks.
20 The Commission shall present the list to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks
21 and Recreation in order to facilitate the construction of signs as required under

1 10 V.S.A. § 2613. The Commission shall also determine if there are sites
2 outside of State parks with Abenaki names for which new signs should be
3 considered.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE