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**Bill Analysis**

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Legislative Service Commission

**Am. H.B. 309\***

123rd General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Highways &amp; Transportation)

**Reps. Trakas, Harris, Netzley, Householder, Cates, Callender, Jordan, Jacobson, Krebs, Clancy, Vesper, Evans, Buchy, Young, Amstutz, Goodman, Hollister, Padgett, Olman, Van Vyven, Willamowski, Williams, Coughlin, Roman, Verich, Taylor, Mottley, Peterson, Bateman, Hood, Gardner, Tiberi, Terwilleger, Salerno, Damschroder, Brading, Calvert, Carey, Core, Hoops, Grendell, Myers, Buehrer, Corbin, Austria, Haines, Kilbane, O'Brien, Schuck, Winkler, Jolivette, Schuler, DePiero, Flannery**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates State Route 60, running in a northerly and southerly direction through Ashland County only, the "Thomas A. Van Meter Memorial Highway" and permits the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along that highway indicating its name.
- Eliminates the per mile cap on the amount of money the Department of Transportation may spend on improvements made to roads leading into and within a conservancy district.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**
**Thomas A. Van Meter Memorial Highway**

The bill designates State Route Number 60, running in a northerly and southerly direction through Ashland County only, as the "Thomas A. Van Meter Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name (sec. 5533.64).

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\* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

**Conservancy district roads**

Existing law authorizes the Director of Transportation to relocate and for that purpose to construct or reconstruct the relocated portions of all roads, highways, and streets, within, leading through, or adjacent to any lands owned by a conservancy district. The Director also may cooperate in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of roads leading from a state highway to any public park, forest preserve, or recreational area, or within the boundary of any public park, forest preserve, or recreational area under the control and custody of a conservancy district.

However, existing law establishes an overall annual cap on the amount the Director may spend on such projects and also limits the amount the Director may spend per mile on roads within and leading into a conservancy district. The total expenditures in any one year may not exceed \$200,000; the expenditures for highways leading to the district properties may not exceed \$20,000 per mile; and the expenditures within the district properties may not exceed \$10,000 per mile.

The bill eliminates the \$20,000 per mile limit on the expenditure of funds for highways leading into the district property and also the \$10,000 per mile limit on the expenditure of funds within the district. The bill retains the overall limit of \$200,000 per year on such projects. (Sec. 5511.04.)

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**HISTORY**

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Introduced	04-27-99	p. 477
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