

## CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE (1883), AT NEW YORK CITY.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That the Governor is hereby authorized to appoint at his discretion, at any time after the first (1st) day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (1882), three (3) citizens of the State, to act and be known as Commissioners for the State of Minnesota at the International Exposition, to be held in New York City, in the State of New York, in one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883); said commissioners to be selected for their familiarity with the resources, arts and products of the State, and their business experience and executive ability, and to be residents during their term of office, respectively of the southern, central and northern portions of the State, and to hold their offices until January first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four (1884), unless removed for cause. In case of a vacancy occurring from any cause in said board, the Governor shall at once fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Commissioners  
to be appointed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to make all necessary arrangements to secure the State a proper representation at the aforesaid International Exposition; and to enable them to do this, they are hereby empowered to erect upon the exposition grounds a Minnesota exposition building, at a cost not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000), and to arrange in the same to the best advantage, all such natural and artificial products of the State as will best serve to show in their fullest extent, its agricultural, mining and manufacturing capabilities; also, artistically prepared specimens of its birds, animals, fishes, etc., and whatever else that in their judgment is calculated to increase the attractiveness of the display and give to the public a correct idea of the State.

Duties of  
commissioners

SEC. 3. From the day of their appointment until the opening of the exposition, it shall be the duty of the commissioners to collect and preserve for such exhibition specimens of rocks, ores, clays, soils, woods, grains, shrubs, fruits, vegetables, grasses, flowers, birds, animals, fishes, etc., indigenous to the State, and [to] correspond with agriculturists, millers, manufacturers, railroad companies and all other parties in the State who may be able to contribute to such exhibition, to induce them to do so, and to unite with each other

and with the State commissioners in making the display as extensive and attractive as possible; and, for the preservation of such collection as the commissioners may gather for the exposition, they are hereby authorized to rent, in the city of St. Paul, or in the city of Minneapolis, a suitable room or building in which to store the same, until the building to be erected on the exposition ground shall be ready to receive them, *provided*, that such rental shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the whole time during which such room or building is held for such purpose.

Rent of room  
or building.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to control the building erected on the exposition grounds, apportion the space therein and place the same at the disposal of exhibitors from the State, in the order as to choice in which they make application for the same, and to supervise all such details relating to the representations from the State, and its citizens, as may, from time to time, be delegated to them by the general management of the exposition, or as may become necessary, for them to discharge, through the occurrence of circumstances which may transpire preceding, during, or subsequent to the period of holding the exposition; it shall also be their duty, on the close of the exposition, to sell the building, furniture and other property [used:] and pay the money received for the same into the State treasury; and the specimens of ores, soils, woods, birds, animals, fishes, and other imperishable articles which they may have on exhibition, shall be placed by them in the custody of the Secretary of the Minnesota State Historical Society, to be disposed of as the Legislature may hereafter direct; *provided*, however, that in case the commissioners may have duplicates of any of such imperishable specimens, they are hereby authorized to exchange the same with other States and nations, when practicable, and to add the articles so acquired to the collection of this State, and to deposit the same with the Secretary of the Historical Society, on the close of the exposition.

Erection of  
building on ex-  
position  
grounds.

Sale of build-  
ing.

Exchange of  
specimens.

SEC. 5. The said commissioners shall appoint a suitable person, well acquainted with the geography, physical features, history, products, manufactures, railroads and institutions generally of the State, to act as Secretary for the Board; who under their direction shall attend to all correspondence, keep an itemized account of all the expenses, and a list of all exhibitors (the State included), with a catalogue of all articles severally placed on exhibition by them, and dates of receipt and return of the same; and he shall, on receiving such articles, give receipts for the same, and shall demand and receive such receipts on the return of the articles to the depositors, and such receipts shall then be his vouchers for the articles named therein. The secretary shall receive for his services the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), and be allowed the further sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or so much

Appointment  
of secretary.

Duties.

Compensation.

Expenses.

thereof as may be necessary, to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

SEC. 6. Until the opening of the exposition and after its close, till their duties are fulfilled, the Commissioners and Secretary shall have their office in the State capital at St. Paul; but during its continuance their office shall be in the State building on the grounds of the exposition.

Officers.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners shall elect one of their number President [and one Vice President] of the Board, and it shall be the duty of such President to call and preside at all meetings of the Board, sign all contracts, approve all orders drawn by the Secretary upon the Treasurer, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the chairmanship of such organizations. In case of absence or disability of the President, all the duties of his office shall devolve upon and be performed by the Vice President of the Board.

Treasurer.

Bond.

SEC. 8. The Commissioners shall elect one of their number Treasurer of the Board, who, before entering upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe to the usual oath of office, and give bond in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Governor, that he will honestly, faithfully and fully account for all moneys which may come into his hands by virtue of said office, in accordance with the provisions of this act; said bond to be placed on file with the Secretary of State. The Treasurer shall draw the funds hereinafter appropriated from the State Treasury, as they may be from time to time required to pay the expenses herein authorized, in the same manner that funds are drawn for disbursement by other State officers, and shall pay them only on orders issued by the Secretary and approved by the President of the Board, or by the Vice President acting as President.

Duties.

Contracts.

SEC. 9. Said Board shall have power to make contracts and employ assistance for the purpose of carrying out the provisions [and intentions] of this act, but in no case shall it incur liabilities in excess of the appropriation hereinafter provided for.

Secretary—  
duties.

SEC. 10. The Secretary, acting under the direction of the board, shall make all contracts and employ all assistants provided for in section nine (9) of this act, and for payment of the same, shall give orders on the Treasurer, approved by the President, taking receipts for such order and preserving the same as his vouchers.

SEC. 11. No compensation shall be allowed or paid to any member of the board for personal services, beyond a reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties imposed by this law, and an allowance to the Treasurer of one per cent. on the disbursement made by him on account of expenses incurred by the board.

SEC. 12. Two members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of [any] business.

SEC. 13. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act; said money to be paid by the Treasurer of the State on warrant drawn by the State Auditor; but the Auditor shall not issue his warrant for any money appropriated by this act, until after June thirtieth (30th), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (1882), and then only to the Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners hereinbefore provided for, and on requisitions drawn by the Secretary and approved by the President of said board, or by the Vice-President acting as President, and such warrants shall be issued from time to time, only in such sums as may be required to meet the current necessary expenses and disbursements of such board, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions and intentions of this act as herein set forth. *Provided*, that the sum hereby appropriated shall be used for paying the actual expenses of transportation of articles for exhibition, and for arranging, fitting and displaying the same, and no portion of it shall be paid as salary or compensation for agents or others, except as herein mentioned.

Appropriation.

When Auditor shall issue warrants.

SEC. 14. The Board of Commissioners shall, on or before December thirty-first (31st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883), make to the Governor of the State a full report of all their proceedings under this act, with a detailed statement of the expenditures made by them, and such report shall be published with the executive documents of that year, and submitted to the Legislature at its next session.

Board shall report to governor.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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