

CHAPTER 153.

[H. F. No. 798.]

Torrens system of land transfers. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXAMINE THE TORRENS AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM OF LAND TRANSFERS AND TO MAKE REPORT THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PAY SUCH COMMISSIONERS.

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

Governor to appoint three commissioners to investigate. SECTION 1. The governor of the state of Minnesota is hereby authorized and requested to appoint three (3) competent men as commissioners to fully investigate, inquire into and examine what is known as the "Torrens Australian system of land transfers," wherever the same has been adopted and is in practical operation.

Report to be prepared for the next legislature. SEC. 2. Said commissioners, so appointed, or any two (2) of them, shall prepare a report in detail of the practical workings of said Torrens system and fully explaining the same, and submit such report to the next legislative assembly of the state of Minnesota, at the opening of the session, and with it a draft of a bill embodying said system, with a view to its adoption, if deemed advisable.

Appropriation of \$500, for expenses of commissioners. SEC. 3. Said commissioners shall receive as compensation for their services as such, including all expenses connected therewith, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), to be paid by the state treasurer; and the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), payable out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1891.

CHAPTER 154.

[S. F. No. 94.]

Soldiers' monument at Gettysburg. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF A SUITABLE MONUMENT TO THE FIRST MINNESOTA REGIMENT ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF GETTYSBURG.

WHEREAS, The government has designated the principal lines of battle of the Union forces upon the historic battlefield of Gettysburg by constructing thereon broad avenues,

upon which our sister states have erected at appropriate places elegant and enduring monuments, marking the positions and containing brief records of the services of their several regiments there engaged; and

WHEREAS, The First Regiment Minnesota Volunteers represented this state in that battle with unparalleled gallantry, resolutely and successfully charging and repelling, in a critical emergency, a force of more than twenty (20) times its numbers, and holding back that force firmly until the emergency had passed, though losing in killed and wounded more than four-fifths ($\frac{4}{5}$) of its men engaged, and without the defection of a single man; and

Reciting heroic deeds of First Regiment Minnesota Volunteers.

WHEREAS, Due regard for the dead, and for the wounded and other survivors, and for the credit of the state, requires the erection of a fitting monument at the place where that charge was made, a monument worthy of that regiment and of this state, to whom the regiment and the glory of its matchless valor on that field belong: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended in the construction and erection of a suitable monument to the First Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, to be placed upon Hancock avenue, on the battlefield of Gettysburg, at or near the point from which that regiment on July second (2d), one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three (1863), alone and successfully charged two (2) Confederate brigades.

Appropriation of \$20,000 therefor.

SEC. 2. The money hereby appropriated shall be drawn from the treasury by the governor upon his warrant or requisition therefor.

SEC. 3. The governor is hereby authorized to appoint three (3) commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to devise a design and plan of such monument and to contract for its construction and erection. But no design or plan of such monument shall be adopted nor contract for its construction and erection be entered into until the same shall first be approved by the governor.

Three commissioners to be appointed by governor to secure design and erect monument.

SEC. 4. In connection with such monument a suitable marker, referring to it and to the regiment, may be constructed and placed on that part of the same avenue occupied by said regiment on July third (3d), one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three (1863), in repelling the charge of the Confederates known as Pickett's charge.

Provides for a suitable marker to be erected.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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