

first article of the Constitution of the United States, and with the acts of congress in such cases made and provided.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 3, 1903.

## CHAPTER 119.

S. F. No. 103.

*An act to provide for the creation of a state art society, and prescribing its manner of appointment, powers and duties.*

State art society.

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

SECTION 1. State Commission of Art—A state art society is hereby created, to be known as the Minnesota State Art society; the object being to advance the interests of the fine arts, to develop the influence of art in education, and to foster the introduction of art in manufactures.

State commission. Object.

SEC. 2. Governing Board—There shall be a governing board of the society which shall consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the governor—by and with the consent of the senate—from lists of names proposed by the Fine Arts Society of Minneapolis, the Art Workers' Guild of St. Paul and the Art Committee of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs. Of these appointees four shall be artists or connoisseurs of art, one an architect, one prominently identified with education, and one directly interested in manufactures. The governor of the state and the president of the state university shall be ex officio members of this board.

Governing board.

SEC. 3. Terms of Members—Members of the governing board shall be appointed three for two years, three for three years and one for four years, and at the expiration of said terms, and thereafter, their successors shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate, as provided in section 2, each to serve for the term of four years.

Term of members.

SEC. 4. Compensation. Vacancies—All members of the society shall serve without compensation as such. Vacancies in the governing board shall be filled by ap-

No compensation. Vacancy.

pointment by the governor within one month from the time of such vacancy.

Organization,  
quorum.

SEC. 5. Board Must Organize. Quorum--Said board shall organize immediately after its appointment by electing from its members a president, a vice president, a secretary and treasurer of the Minnesota State Art society. Said officers shall also be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the governing board. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Powers of  
board.

SEC. 6. Powers of Governing Board--The governing board shall have power to adopt by-laws and rules of procedure to govern the Minnesota State Art society, to receive, hold and manage its gifts, bequests and property, and to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the duties hereinafter described. It shall also have the power to issue certificates of membership and to offer and confer prizes, mentions, medals and diplomas for works of art in painting, sculpture, architecture and manufacture, when in competition under rules prescribed by the governing board. The Minnesota State Art society shall have a seal with which it shall attest its official acts.

Membership.

SEC. 7. Membership--Membership in the society shall be of four classes, viz: Members of the governing board, honorary members, life members and annual members.

Honorary  
life member-  
ship.

SEC. 8. Honorary Membership for Life--Any person who shall submit to the governing board a work of art executed by himself, which shall be accepted by said board, shall, by the tender to the society of said work of art (or in lieu thereof by the payment of one hundred dollars), on receipt of a certificate of membership, issued by said board, become an honorary member for life of the Minnesota State Art society.

Life member-  
ship.

SEC. 9. Life Membership--Upon the payment of one hundred dollars, any person receiving the recommendation of the governor of the state or of four governing or four honorary members, shall, if elected by the society, be made a life member of the society.

Annual  
membership.

SEC. 10. Annual Membership--Any person may, upon the recommendation of a governing member or honorary member and the payment of two dollars, be en-

titled, if elected by the society, to a certificate of membership in the society for one year, and become an annual member.

SEC. 11. Lectureship Committee—There shall be appointed by the governing board a committee of three persons to be known as the art lectureship committee. Lectureship committee.

SEC. 12. Exhibition Committee—There shall be appointed by the governing board a committee of three artists or judges of art, to be known as the exhibition committee. No member of the exhibition committee shall be eligible to a prize while serving on the committee, nor shall any relation, by blood or marriage, of such exhibition committee be eligible to such prize. Exhibition committee.

SEC. 13. Art Collection Committee—There shall be appointed by the governing board a committee of three persons, to be known as the art collection committee. This committee shall take charge of all works of art to be acquired by the society, and shall have power by and with the consent of the governing board to purchase works of art whenever there shall be sufficient surplus in the treasury. Art collection committee.

SEC. 14. Membership Certificates. Annual Report—Suitable certificates of membership shall be provided by the governing board and shall be signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary. An annual report of the Minnesota State Society of Art shall be forwarded by the secretary to the governor of the state before December first of each year. Membership certificates.

SEC. 15. Annual Course of Lectures—It shall be the duty of the Minnesota State Society of Art, through its lectureship committee, to prepare annually a course of lectures on topics of art or kindred subjects, which shall be delivered, in whole or part, before the students of the state university, the state agricultural school, the state normal schools in turn, and the state teachers' association. It shall be the duty of the lectureship committee to advise with the officers of state educational institutions and superintendents of public schools as to courses in drawing, design and art, with a view to creating a stronger influence in educational institutions throughout the state. Annual lecture course.

SEC. 16. Annual Exhibit—It shall be the duty of the Annual exhibit.

Minnesota State Society of Art to provide through its committee on exhibition an annual art exhibit, which shall not to be held at the same city twice in succession. Such exhibit shall include paintings, sculpture, drawings, carvings, pottery, tiling, cabinet work, wrought metal designs, architectural designs, exhibits of textile fabrics, and all art craft which in the judgment of the society shall tend to elevate the standard of beauty and value of home manufactures. No work of art shall be exhibited without first having been accepted as worthy by the exhibition committee.

Prizes.

SEC. 17. Annual Prizes—At each annual exhibition prizes to the amount of one hundred dollars or more shall be offered by the state, said sum to be determined by the governing board, and to be paid out of the funds of the society for the best original work done by any (Minnesota) artist in any line of art or art craft which shall have been accepted for competition by the exhibition committee. These prizes shall be given for paintings, sculpture, decorative designs of any kind, designs in architecture, or for manufacturing designs or the finished product after such design. These works of art may become the property of the society by proper compensation, either in the form of prizes or by direct purchase, all works of art acquired by the society in this way or those tendered by patrons of art to said society shall, upon acceptance, be turned over to the art collection committee. The art collection thus acquired shall be the property of the state, under control of the society. Said art collection may be in part or in whole loaned out to different parts of the state, according to rules and regulations prescribed by the governing board.

Executive board.

SEC. 18. The executive board of the Society of Art shall act as an advisory committee in the selection of all works of art, and in the selection of all designs for public buildings, to be paid for by the state.

Rooms at state capitol.

SEC. 19. A suitable room or rooms in the state capitol shall be set aside for the use of the state society of art for the holding of its meetings and the preservation of all works of art becoming the property of said society which cannot otherwise be placed to better advantage.

Funds, how expended.

SEC. 20. Funds, How Expended. Annual Appropriation—All moneys received by this board shall be ap-

plied or expended only in the furtherance of art interests of the state as ordered by the governing board.

SEC. 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 120.

S. F. No. 80.

*An act to amend section one thousand one hundred and nine (1109) of the General Statutes of Minnesota of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894), relating to the vacation of public grounds, streets, alleys, or highways within cities in this State.*

Vacation  
of public  
grounds.

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

SECTION 1. That section one thousand one hundred and nine (1109) of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894) of the State of Minnesota, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

No public grounds, streets, alleys or highways, within said city shall be vacated or discontinued by the common council, except upon the petition of the sole owner, or of a majority of the owners, resident in said city, of property on the line of such public grounds, streets, alleys or highways, proposed to be vacated or discontinued; such petition shall set forth the facts and reasons for such vacation, accompanied by a plat of such public grounds, streets, alleys, or highways proposed to be vacated, and shall be verified by the oath of at least two of the petitioners, their agents, or attorneys, except in case it be the petition of the sole owner of said property, in which event it shall be verified by the petitioner, his agent or attorney. The common council shall thereupon, if they deem it expedient that the matter should be proceeded with, order the petition to be filed of record with the city clerk, who shall give notice by publication in the official paper of said city, for four weeks, at least once a week, to the effect that such petition has been filed as aforesaid, and stating in brief its object, and that said petition will be heard and considered by the common council, or a committee appointed by them, on a certain

Petition for  
vacation.

Plat of  
vacated  
ground.

Filed with  
city clerk,  
publication  
of notice.

Hearing.