

CHAPTER 135.

H. F. No. 97.

An act to appropriate money to reimburse Anthony Yoerg for his expenses incurred in the contest of his election as a member of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota for the year 1903.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of \$349.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to Anthony Yoerg, a member of the present House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota to reimburse him for his expenses incurred in the contest for his seat in the said House instituted against him by one Charles S. Schurman. That a warrant payable to said Anthony Yoerg or his order, for said sum be drawn by the proper officer of the State of Minnesota, and be delivered to him, or to his order, for payment.

Appropriation for Representative Yoerg.

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

Approved April 8, 1903.

CHAPTER 136.

H. F. No. 105.

A act to provide for the erection of a suitable monument and tablets to the Minnesota troops who fought on the battlefield of Vicksburg, in the State of Mississippi, in 1863, in the National Park set apart and improved under the act of congress of February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Monument for Minn. troops.

Whereas, under the act of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, approved April 2nd, 1901, the governor of the State of Minnesota appointed a commission, as in said act provided, which commission has discharged the duties in said act specified, and determined the positions of the Minnesota troops and organizations in the assault and siege of Vicksburg, and designated the positions held by the respective organizations and the places where the soldiers of this state fell in said assault and siege, and have recommended that the sum of forty thousand dollars should be appropriated to permanently and suitably mark the position of such troops and worthily commemorate

Appoint a commission.

Designate the position.

the valor and services of the Minnesota soldiers in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg; and,

Battlefield
of Vicks-
burg.

WHEREAS, The United States government has already designated the principal lines of battle and investment upon the historic battlefield of Vicksburg, by constructing broad avenues thereon and setting apart certain circles designating the position occupied by the commander of the Union forces, and many states represented by volunteer forces in said army are about to erect at appropriate places elegant and enduring monuments marking the positions and containing brief records of all the services of the several regiments and organizations there engaged; and,

Records of
service.

Minn. regi-
ments.

WHEREAS, The Third, Fourth and Fifth Regiments of Minnesota infantry volunteers, and the First Minnesota battery rendered most distinguished services in said campaign, and in the assault and siege of Vicksburg, executing every order of their respective commanders, carrying every position on the respective battlefields that they were directed to carry, and in the assault moving forward to the ditch of the enemy's fortifications at great sacrifice of life.

Now, Therefore:

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

Recommends
monument.

SECTION 1. That there be constructed and erected a suitable monument to the Third, Fourth and Fifth regiments of Minnesota volunteers, and of the First Minnesota battery, on or near the circles indicating the position of General Grant's headquarters during the siege of Vicksburg; and in addition three bronze tablets, one on or near the position where the troops of the Fourth Minnesota infantry fell in the assault on the 22nd day of May, 1863, near where the Baldwin Ferry road passed through the Confederate works; one on the ground over which the Fifth Minnesota infantry made its assault on the same day, and one on the position occupied by the First Minnesota battery.

Fell in
assault.

Inscription
on tablets.

SEC. 2. There shall be inscribed on such monument and tablets, in addition to other appropriate inscriptions, such legends and inscriptions as will suitably commemorate the services rendered by the Third and Fifth infantry in the lines of circumvallation and in positions

not included in the area of the National Park, and on such tablets shall be inscribed the names of the Minnesota soldiers who fell in the siege and assault of Vicksburg.

Names of
Minn.
soldiers.

SEC. 3. Any money which may be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act shall be drawn from the treasury by the governor upon his warrant or requisition therefor.

SEC. 4. The governor is hereby authorized to appoint three commissioners who shall serve without compensation, but whose necessary expenses may be paid from any moneys which may be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act (but such expenses shall not exceed the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars). Said commissioners shall devise a design and plan of such monument and tablets and contract for their construction and erection, after such designs and plans have been furnished to the Vicksburg Park commissioners, and by them been submitted to the secretary of war and received his written approval of the same, and of the positions in which the same are to be placed, and also after same have been approved by the governor of the state.

Appoint com-
missioners.

Devise a
design.

Approval by
governor.

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

Approved April 8, 1903.

CHAPTER 137.

H. F. No. 114.

An act to legalize the expenditure of money by cities or villages to secure the opening of government or Indian lands lying adjacent thereto or in the immediate vicinity thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever the common council or [of] any city or village of this state lying adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of any Indian reservation not yet opened for settlement, the opening of which would greatly benefit such cities or villages, have between the first day of January, 1902, and the first day of April, 1903, expended money for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of delegates to lay the matter of opening such lands to settlement before the government of the United States at Washington, such expenditures are hereby legalized,

Legalizing
expenditure
of money.