

CHAPTER 249.

S. F. No. 120.

An act designating and directing the statue of Alexander Ramsey, deceased, to be placed in the National Statuary Hall in the capitol at Washington, appointing commissioners, for designing, making and installing such statue.

Statue of
Alexander
Ramsey.

Whereas, by section number 1814 of the Revised Statutes of the United States the president of the United States is authorized to invite all the states to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each state, of deceased who have been citizens thereof and illustrious for their historic renown, or for distinguished civil or military services, such as each state may deem to be worthy of national commemoration, such statues when so furnished to be placed in the old hall of the house of representatives of the United States, which is thereby set apart, or so much thereof as is necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purpose so indicated; and, whereas, the president of the United States has invited all the states to provide and furnish statues; now, therefore,

Where
placed.

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

SECTION 1. That as one of the citizens of the State of Minnesota, whose statue shall be placed in such national statuary hall in the capitol at Washington, there is hereby designated Alexander Ramsey, now deceased, illustrious for his public services as territorial and state governor of Minnesota, in negotiating treaties for the extinguishment of the Indian right to the occupancy of the soil over the fairest part of Minnesota, and so preparing it for the advancement of civilization; in laying broad and deep and well the foundation of civil government of the State of Minnesota; and in his patriotic and steadfast devotion and labors to throw the power of the state to the aid of the federal government in the suppression of the unhappy rebellion of 1861, and in the defense of the people of the state against savage foes in the Sioux Indian massacre of 1862; distinguished for his public services in the congress of the United States, in the house of representatives and later in the senate, and in the national councils, as secretary of war, and for other public services; and who, for such services, is deemed by the State of Minnesota worthy of national commemoration.

Commissioners.

SEC. 2. James T. McCleary, James J. Hill and Thomas B. Walker, citizens of Minnesota, are hereby appointed commissioners for the State of Minnesota for the designing, making and installing in such national statutory hall, such statue of Alexander Ramsey.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall create no public liability under this chapter until after report to and approval by the legislature.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.

S. F. No. 331.

CHAPTER 250.

Street railways.

An act empowering city councils in cities now or hereafter having a population of not less than 10,000 inhabitants and not more than 20,000 inhabitants to grant authority for the construction of street railway lines in such cities, and for the purpose of connecting said cities with surrounding territory and other cities and villages, and legalizing and confirming such authority heretofore granted by such city councils.

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

City council in cities not less than 10,000, nor more than 20,000 may grant franchise to street railway companies.

SECTION 1. That the city council of any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of not less than 10,000 inhabitants and not more than 20,000 inhabitants, according to the then last official state or national census, is hereby empowered to grant by ordinance to any person, persons or corporation the authority, right and privilege to construct, maintain and operate street railway lines by other than steam power upon the streets of any said city, and also authority to connect such street railway lines in any said city with other territory, cities and villages in the State of Minnesota for a period of not exceeding twenty-five years. *Provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the making of any exclusive franchise.

Franchise not exclusive.

Heretofore granted, legalized.

SEC. 2. Where any city council of any said city has heretofore granted by ordinance or resolution to any person, persons or corporation the right and authority to use its streets for the construction and operation of street railway lines of the character described in section 1 heretofore, for a period not to exceed twenty-five years, and where