

## CHAPTER 178.

## BURIAL OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

S. F. 394.

**AN ACT** to Provide for the Burial of Honorably Discharged Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, Who May Hereafter Die Without Leaving Means Sufficient to Defray Funeral Expenses, and to Provide Head-stones to Mark Their Graves.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Boards of supervisors to designate person to attend to burial of honorably discharged soldiers or sailors.

**SECTION 1.** It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors in each of the counties of this state, to designate some suitable person in each township, whose duty it shall be to cause to be decently interred, the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who served in the army or navy of the United States during the late war, who may hereafter die without leaving sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.

Not to be in pauper cemetery.

Such burial shall not be made in any cemetery or burial ground used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead.

Proviso: not to exceed \$35 each.

*Provided,* The expenses of such burial shall not exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars, and *provided further,* that in case surviving relatives of the deceased, shall desire to conduct the funeral, and are unable or unwilling to pay the charges, therefor, they shall be permitted so to do, and the expenses shall be paid as herein provided.

Surviving relatives.

Head-stone for grave.

**SEC. 2.** The grave of any such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, shall be marked by a head-stone containing the name of the deceased and the organization to which he belonged or in which he served.

Proviso: cost not to exceed \$15.

*Provided,* Such head-stone shall not cost more than the sum of fifteen dollars, and shall be of such design and material as may be approved by the board of supervisors.

Paid by county.

**SEC. 3.** The expenses of such burial and headstone shall be paid by the county in which such soldier, sailor or marine shall have died. And the board of supervisors of such county is hereby authorized and directed to audit the account and pay the said expenses, in similar manner as other accounts against such county are audited and paid.

Approved, April 7, 1884.