

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT AT THE SITE OF THE CONFEDERATE MILITARY PRISON AT ANDERSONVILLE, GEORGIA, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE PATRIOTISM, SUFFERING AND MARTYRDOM OF THE IOWA SOLDIERS WHO WERE IMPRISONED AND DIED IN SUCH MILITARY PRISON, AND CREATING A COMMISSION TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE ERECTION THEREOF AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That a commission consisting of five honorably discharged union soldiers of  
2 the war of the Rebellion, who have been prisoners of war three months or more, and at least  
3 three of whom were Iowa soldiers who were imprisoned at Andersonville, Georgia, and who  
4 shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor and serve without compensation, is  
5 hereby created to locate the site of and erect a suitable monument, not to exceed in cost the  
6 sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500), commemorative of the valor, suffering  
7 and martyrdom of the Iowa soldiers who were imprisoned and died in the Confederate Prison at  
8 Andersonville, Georgia.

Sec. 2. The actual, necessary expenses of the members of said commission, while em-  
2 ployed in the business thereof, shall be paid from the funds appropriated by this act for that  
3 purpose, and the said commission shall make a full report of its doings and proceedings to the  
4 Governor, on or before the first day of December of each year during the continuance of said  
5 commission.

Sec. 3. Said commission shall carefully ascertain the facts with reference to the title to  
2 the land where it is proposed to locate the site of such monument, for which purpose they may  
3 have the advice and assistance of the Attorney-General, and before making any contract for

4 the purchase or erection of a monument, shall secure by contract, conveyance or dedication  
5 such right in or title to the site selected, as will, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, fully  
6 protect the rights of the state therein in perpetuity, and insure its freedom from taxes or  
7 other liens of any character.

Sec. 4. Said commission shall have authority to select and locate a site for such monu-  
2 ment; select a design and style of monument; make contracts for its purchase and erection,  
3 and fix a time and make arrangements for the proper dedication thereof, and to do and per-  
4 form such other acts and duties as may be required in fulfillment of the purposes of this act.

Sec. 5. The sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500) or as much thereof as  
2 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the State treasury not otherwise  
3 appropriated, to be drawn and used in payment of the contracts of said commission for the  
4 purchase and erection of said monument and expense in connection therewith.

Sec. 6. The Auditor of State is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants upon the  
2 treasury to the amount of the appropriation herein made, upon presentation to him of proper  
3 vouchers certified and sworn to by said commissioners from time to time and approved by the  
4 Governor, in payment of the expenses of said commissioners, and in payment of said monu-  
5 ment, after the same shall be erected, completed and accepted by said commission.

Sec. 7. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect upon publica-  
2 tion thereof in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers pub-  
3 lished in the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.