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House File 633

By COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

Added
Passed House, Date 5/3

Passed Senate, Date 5/25

Vote: Ayes 57 Nays 44

Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 2

Approved June 2, 1965

motion to reconsider vote filed 5/4 prevailed 5/11

A BILL FOR

An Act establishing a historical markers commission.

referred to appropriations 5/11 pass 5/11
passed house 5/14 (95-0)

appropriations 5/17
pass 5/25

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. There is established a historical markers commis-
2 sion which shall plan, develop, and publicize a uniform official
3 system of marking of state historical, archaeological, geologi-
4 cal, and legendary sites.

1 Sec. 2. The commission shall consist of nine (9) members who
2 shall be selected with regard to demonstrated interests in histor-
3 ical matters. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the
4 governor without regard to political party affiliation. Four (4)
5 of the original commission members shall be appointed for a term
6 of two (2) years and five (5) of such members shall be appointed
7 for a term of four (4) years. As the terms of the members so
8 appointed expire, successors shall be appointed each for a term of
9 four (4) years. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by
10 the governor for the unexpired term.

1 Sec. 3. Members of the commission shall serve without compen-
2 sation but may be reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses
3 incurred while engaged in the performance of official duties if
4 funds are available for such purposes.

1 Sec. 4. The commission shall meet at the seat of government
2 on the second (2nd) Saturday in the months of January, April, July,
3 and October and at such other times and places as commission mem-

4 bers deem necessary. Special meetings may be called by the chair-
5 man and shall be called by the chairman upon the request of four (4)
6 members of the commission. The commission shall elect a chairman
7 annually at the July meeting of the commission.

1 Sec. 5. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum
2 and the concurrence of a majority of a quorum shall determine any
3 matter within the jurisdiction of the commission. The commission
4 shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
5 transact business and for the administration of its powers and
6 duties.

1 Sec. 6. Historical, archaeological, geological, and legendary
2 sites selected by the commission shall be marked with markers of
3 standard design selected and approved by the commission. Markers
4 so selected and approved shall be displayed at each site with an
5 inscription setting forth the facts of particular interest.

1 Sec. 7. Standard design markers as adopted and used shall be
2 subject to such conditions as the commission may impose and shall
3 not be used to mark sites other than those designated by the com-
4 mission. The commission may cause the removal of any marker not
5 used as designated.

1 Sec. 8. The commission may accept gifts, appropriations, and
2 bequests and shall use such gifts, appropriations, and bequests
3 in accordance with the wishes of the donor if expressed. Funds
4 received shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be paid
5 out on order of the commission. All state boards, commissions,
6 departments, and institutions are directed to cooperate with the
7 commission in the performance of its duties. The commission may
8 accept the aid, support, and cooperation of county, city, and

9 town agencies and of any person in executing commission projects.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 633

The purpose of this bill is to establish a historical marker commission. Recent reports following the successful first year of the Hiawatha Pioneer Trail confirm the need felt by many other groups that identification of Iowa's historical sites will substantially add to the interest of people in our state and better inform present and future generations of our historical heritage.

HOUSE FILE 633

1 Amend House File 633 as follows:

2 1. Amend the title by striking all after the word "Act" and
3 inserting in lieu thereof the words "granting the board of curators
4 of the state historical society the authority to establish a
5 uniform official historical marker system, and to provide an
6 appropriation therefor."

7 2. By striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in
8 lieu thereof the following:

9 "Section 1. The board of curators of the state historical
10 society shall plan, develop, and publicize a uniform official
11 system of marking of state historical, archaeological, geological,
12 and legendary sites.

13 "Sec. 2. Sites selected by the board of curators shall be
14 marked with markers of standard design selected and approved by
15 the board. Markers so selected and approved shall be displayed
16 at each site with an inscription setting forth the facts of particu-
17 lar interest.

18 "Sec. 3. Standard design markers as adopted and used shall be
19 subject to such conditions as the board of curators may impose and
20 shall not be used to mark sites other than those designated by the
21 board of curators. The board may cause the removal of any marker
22 not used as designated.

23 "Sec. 4. The board of curators may employ such personnel as
24 shall be necessary to make surveys necessary in selecting marker
25 locations, develop designs and prepare legends for markers, and
26 perform such other duties as the board may determine. The board
27 shall further have the authority to purchase approved markers
28 when the board believes the purchase is in the best interests of
29 the state.

30 "Sec. 5. The selection of sites and erection of markers may
31 be coordinated with other state departments, including but not
32 limited to the Iowa State highway commission, the Iowa conserva-
33 tion commission, the Iowa development commission, with any govern-
34 mental subdivision of the state, and with private and public groups
35 concerned with the marking of sites.

36 "Sec. 6. The board of curators may accept gifts, appropriations,
37 and bequests and shall use such gifts, appropriations, and bequests
38 in accordance with the wishes of the donor if expressed. Funds
39 received shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be paid
40 out on order of the board. All state boards, commissions, depart-
41 ments, and institutions are directed to cooperate with the board
42 in the performance of its duties. The board may accept the aid,
43 support, and cooperation of county, city, and town agencies and
44 of any person in executing board projects.

45 "Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated to the board of curators
46 of the state historical society from the general fund of the state,
47 the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for each year of the
48 biennium beginning July 1, 1965, and ending June 30, 1967, or so
49 much thereof as shall be necessary, for the purpose of this Act."

Filed
May 6, 1965. *Adopted 5/11*

BARINGER of Fayette.