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(COMPANION TO LSB 2045SS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of an Iowa battle flag
2 commission, and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. IOWA BATTLE FLAG COMMISSION.

2 1. An Iowa battle flag commission is established within
3 the department of cultural affairs to develop a plan to
4 preserve, document, and display the state battle flag
5 collection. The commission shall consist of eleven voting
6 members with seven citizen members appointed by the governor
7 and four members of the general assembly, two of whom shall be
8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives after
9 consultation with the majority and minority leaders of the
10 house of representatives, and two of whom shall be appointed
11 by the majority leader of the senate after consultation with
12 the president of the senate and the minority leader of the
13 senate, with not more than two members being from the same
14 political party. The director of the department of cultural
15 affairs, the director of the department of general services,
16 and the adjutant general of the Iowa national guard, or their
17 designees, shall be nonvoting ex officio members. The
18 commission shall elect its own chairperson from among its
19 members. The citizen members shall include two
20 representatives from the sons of the union veterans of the
21 civil war, one representative from an Iowa civil war
22 roundtable, one representative from an Iowa veterans service
23 organization, one textile preservation expert from a regents
24 institution, and two representatives from the general public.
25 A legislative member is eligible for per diem and expenses as
26 provided in section 2.10.

27 The department shall provide administrative support for the
28 commission and may contract with a professional flag
29 conservator to assist the commission in performing its duties.

30 2. The commission shall transmit to the governor and the
31 general assembly on or before December 1, 1999, a plan to
32 preserve Iowa's battle flag collection. The plan shall
33 include recommendations with alternatives to stabilize,
34 document, preserve, and display the collection and to
35 recommend treatments for the battle flag display areas in the

1 state capitol rotunda. The plan shall present budgets to
2 accomplish these goals.

3 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
4 general fund of the state to the department of cultural
5 affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
6 June 30, 2000, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
7 necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

8 For conducting a study of the battle flag collection's
9 condition by a professional flag conservator, to provide staff
10 support for the Iowa battle flag commission, established in
11 this Act, and for other necessary expenses incurred by the
12 commission:

13 \$ 50,000

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides for the establishment of an Iowa battle
16 flag commission. The commission will be formed to develop a
17 plan to preserve, document, and display the state battle flag
18 collection. The bill provides that the commission will
19 develop and transmit to the governor and the general assembly
20 by December 1, 1999, a plan to preserve the battle flag
21 commission, which will include recommendations regarding
22 alternative approaches to stabilize, document, preserve, and
23 display the collection, along with anticipated budgets to
24 accomplish these objectives.

25 The bill provides that the commission membership will
26 consist of 11 voting members, seven of which will be citizen
27 members with backgrounds or qualifications as specified in the
28 bill appropriate for service on the commission, and four of
29 which will be members of the general assembly. The bill
30 additionally provides that the director of the department of
31 cultural affairs, the director of the department of general
32 services, and the adjutant general of the Iowa national guard,
33 or their designees, will be nonvoting ex officio members.

34 The bill provides for an appropriation of \$50,000 to
35 provide staff support to the commission, to finance a study of

1 the battle flag collection's condition by a professional flag
2 conservator, and for other necessary expenses incurred by the
3 commission.

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