

hereby appropriated upon the filing of vouchers duly certified by the members of this commission, and the treasurer of state is authorized to pay the same out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

**SEC. 4. Report—publication.** It shall be the duty of this commission to submit a report of their investigations to the governor not later than December 1, 1901. Such report shall contain a full list of all repairs, improvements, alterations, and decorations needed upon said building, together with the recommendations of the commission, and shall contain estimates as to cost of each improvement recommended, and one thousand copies of such report shall be published.

**SEC. 5. Appropriation for expenses.** The sum of three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the actual and necessary expenses of said commission, and the auditor of state is hereby authorized to issue warrants upon the state treasurer, for so much of the sum herein appropriated as may be necessary, upon bills of items certified by said commission and approved by the governor, and the state treasurer shall pay the same out of any fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved April 7, 1900.

#### CHAPTER 178.

#### COMMISSION TO LOCATE THE POSITIONS OF IOWA TROOPS IN THE SIEGE OF VICKSBURG.

S. F. 162.

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of a commission to ascertain and exactly determine the positions of Iowa troops in the siege of Vicksburg, and to make an appropriation to pay the necessary traveling expenses of the members of the commission.

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

**SECTION 1. Commission—how appointed—expenses.** That the governor of the state be and is hereby authorized to appoint a commission consisting of thirty-five members, being one member for each Iowa organization participating in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, namely, the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 30th, 31st, 34th, 35th, 38th, & 40th infantry regiments, the 8d and 4th regiments of cavalry, and the 1st and 2nd batteries of light artillery, and three at large from said organizations. Each member of said commission shall have served with honor in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg and with the organization which he is appointed to represent, and shall serve on the commission without pay except as to necessary traveling expenses.

**SEC. 2. Duties.** That it shall be the duty of the commission to co-operate with the national park commission in ascertaining and exactly determining the positions of each Iowa organization in the siege of Vicksburg, and also to recommend to the governor of the state such subsequent legislation as will, in the opinion of the commission, permanently and suitably mark the positions thus ascertained, and worthily commemorate the valor and services of Iowa soldiers in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg.

**SEC. 3. Amount appropriated—vouchers.** That the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be drawn and used by said commission to pay the necessary traveling expenses of the members thereof in the discharge of the duties aforesaid on the presentation of such certified vouchers as the auditor of state shall direct.

**SEC. 4. Report.** Said commission shall make a full report of the execution of its trust to the governor on or before the 15th day of January, 1902.

Approved March 29, 1900.

## CHAPTER 179.

### RELATING TO IMPROVEMENT OF THE DES MOINES RIVER.

H. F. 58.

AN ACT to authorize the improvement and regulate the use of the Des Moines river and its bed and banks within the corporate limits of the city of Des Moines.

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

**SECTION 1. Limits defined.** That this act is intended to operate within the city of Des Moines only and to authorize the improvement and regulate the use of certain portions of the Des Moines river and its bed and banks between the Raccoon fork on the south and the northern and western limits of Union park as the same now exists or may be hereafter extended; the portions to be so improved and regulated being more particularly described as follows: Wherever now or in the future any public street, highway, public ground, or park, owned by the city of Des Moines or by the public, or owned or controlled by the board of park commissioners of said city, abuts upon either bank of the Des Moines river, the portions of the said river banks on which the same abut situated below high water mark and also the bed of the river to the opposite shore line thereof, and the river itself within the limits aforesaid, are to be subject to the operation of this act; provided, that the fee title to such bed and banks shall remain in the state, and the vested rights of other riparian owners shall not be affected by this act.

□ **SEC. 2. Jurisdiction and control—general powers of park commissioners.** That jurisdiction and control for park purposes and for the purposes herein specified are hereby vested in the board of park commissioners of the city of Des Moines over the said river and the bed and banks thereof within the limits specified in section one (1) of this act; and said board shall have power to use such portion of its funds as may be available to improve and utilize the same for the public use and pleasure, and to exercise in respect thereto the general powers as to parks conferred by sections eight hundred and fifty (850) to and inclusive of section eight hundred and fifty-eight (859) of the code. Said board shall have power to straighten, cut away, or fill in said river banks and to preserve the same by walls, piling, levees, or otherwise; to excavate, remove sand bars or other obstructions from and otherwise improve the bed of said river so as to make it available for boating, skating, and other sports; and to make any other change in said river-bed and banks which may be deemed suitable to their use for park purposes. Said board shall have power to construct one or more bridges across said river to connect one park with another, or to connect different portions of the same park; and also to construct a dam across said river below the present dam, provided, such dam shall not injuriously affect the water power or dam of the Des Moines Edison Light company while maintained and kept in proper repair.

**SEC. 3. Additional powers.** That said board of park commissioners shall have power, in and over the said river bed and banks as specified in section one (1), to construct and regulate the use of wharves, landing places, bath houses, boat houses, and other suitable structures; and, if said board shall by the construction of a dam at public expense below the present dam hold back and maintain a bed of water suitable for boating, skating, and other sports, it shall have exclusive jurisdiction over such water between such dams, and the ice formed thereon for park purposes, and may prohibit