

**CHAPTER 135****PUBLIC PARKS**

S. F. 783.

**AN ACT** to authorize a person or persons to buy and hold land for public parks and permitting the state board of conservation and executive council to receive and pay for the same, or to institute condemnation proceedings if said lands may not be bought at a reasonable price; and also authorizing counties to vote money for the purchase of parks and to transfer the title thereof to the state; and also authorizing the state board of conservation to take control and management of all meandered streams and lakes belonging to the state for park purposes; and also that a certain tract of land now belonging to the state located in Lyon county and known as Gitchie Manito or Jasper Pool be turned over to the state board of conservation for a park and scientific purposes.

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

**SECTION 1. Purchase or condemnation—trustee—payment.**

1 That whenever a person or persons has acquired by purchase or con-  
2 tract a tract or tracts of land for park purposes for the purpose of  
3 future delivery, the state board of conservation shall investigate the  
4 desirability of said land for park purposes and if the board reports  
5 favorably then said board and the executive council may purchase  
6 the same from the person or persons by whom the same was acquired,  
7 or said board and the executive council may institute condemnation  
8 proceedings under the statutes provided for that purpose to acquire  
9 the land at a reasonable price. The state board of conservation shall  
10 act as trustee until said lands are paid for by the state. Payment for  
11 said lands shall be made out of the appropriation made by the legis-  
12 lature for the purchase and improvement of state parks.

**SEC. 2. Acquisition by counties—election—tax.** That author-

2 ity is hereby granted to any county or counties to vote money for the  
3 purchase of land for park purposes for the benefit of the community  
4 and state, and said lands when so acquired shall be turned over to  
5 the state and be placed under the management of the state board of  
6 conservation as a part of the state park system. Before any such  
7 purchase can be made, the question shall be submitted to the voters  
8 of the county or counties in the manner provided by law for the con-  
9 ducting of elections, and said submission to the voters shall be at a  
10 regular election and the amount of money required for the purchase  
11 of said lands shall be placed upon the ballot. If it is favorable to said  
12 proposition, then the board of supervisors may levy a sufficient tax  
13 to pay for the said lands.

**SEC. 3. Meandered streams and lakes.** That the state board of

2 conservation is hereby authorized to take control and management of  
3 all meandered streams and lakes belonging to the state for park pur-  
4 poses, the jurisdiction over which has not otherwise been conferred  
5 by law.

**SEC. 4. "Gitchie Manito."** That a certain tract of land now be-  
2 longing to the state and known as Gitchie Manito or Jasper Pool, lo-  
3 cated in Lyon county, be turned over to the state board of conserva-  
4 tion for park and scientific purposes.

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