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CHAPTER 433.

AN ACT to provide for a state board of World's Fair Managers of Wisconsin, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Recital of facts.

WHEREAS, By an act of congress approved April 25, 1890, provision has been made for celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, by holding an international exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and the products of the soil, mine and sea, at the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, in the year 1893; and,

WHEREAS, A commission known as the World's Columbian Commission, consisting of representatives from each state and territory, as authorized to be and has been appointed to carry out the provisions of said act; and,

WHEREAS, that commission has made progress with the preparation for an international exhibition, to open not later than May 1, 1893; and, to close not later than October 30, 1893, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the resources in agricultural, mineral, manufacturing, lumbering and other products and industries, and the industrial development and general products of the state of Wisconsin should be fully and creditably represented and displayed at said exposition; therefore,

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

State Board of World's Fair Managers of Wisconsin; composition of.

SECTION 1. That a commission is hereby constituted to be known and designated as the State Board of World's Fair managers, of Wisconsin, and to consist of seven persons, residents of Wisconsin, six of whom shall be men and one of whom shall be a woman; that the World's Columbian commissioners from the state of Wisconsin, and the board of lady managers of the World's Columbian commission from the state of Wisconsin, shall be *ex-officio* members of the State

Board of World's Fair managers of Wisconsin, in addition to the seven persons authorized by this act to be appointed, and with the right to vote upon all questions.

SECTION 2. The duties of state board of World's Fair managers shall be: To disseminate information regarding the exhibition, to secure the cooperation of industrial, scientific, agricultural and other associations in the state, to appoint cooperative local committees representing the different industries of the state, to stimulate local action on all measures intended to render the exhibition successful and a worthy representation of the industries of the country, to encourage the production of articles suitable for the exhibition, to distribute documents issued by the World's Columbian commissioners among manufacturers and others in the state, to render assistance in furthering the financial and other interests of the exhibition, to furnish information to the commission on subjects that may be referred to the board, to care for the interests of the state and of its citizens, in the matters relating to the exhibition, to receive and pronounce upon applications for subjects, to apportion the subjects placed at its disposal among the exhibitors from the state, to provide suitable building or buildings to be erected upon such space as may be allotted to the state of Wisconsin, for its use upon the grounds of said exposition, and to supervise such other details relating to the representation of citizens of Wisconsin in the exhibition as may from time to time be delegated to it by the World's Columbian commissioners; and said board shall have charge and control of all buildings and other property by said board erected, purchased or otherwise acquired or placed in its custody.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 3. The members of said board shall be appointed by the governor thirty days after the passage and publication of this act; and said board shall hold its first meeting at such time and place as the governor shall appoint, not more than thirty days after the members thereof shall be appointed; at said first meeting the said board shall organize by the election of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and such other officers, and by the adoption of such by-laws and regulations for

Appointment of board by governor.

its government, as may be deemed necessary and useful for the successful prosecution of the work committed to its charge by this act. Any member of the board appointed by the governor may be by him removed at any time for cause; and any vacancy which may occur for any reason in said board, shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The board may from time to time adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be deemed advisable or necessary and may amend, alter or repeal the same. Three members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Compensation
for services,
expenses.

SECTION 4. The members of the state board of World's Fair managers provided for in the first section of this act, shall receive no compensation for their services; but their actual expenses for transportation, and the sum of six dollars per day for subsistence for each day they are necessarily absent from their homes on the business of said board, shall be paid to each member in the manner hereinafter provided from the moneys appropriated by this act.

Treasurer to
file bond.

SECTION 5. The treasurer of said board shall, before he shall be entitled to receive the moneys by this act appropriated for the purposes for which said board is created, execute and deliver to the governor, to be by him approved and filed in the office of the secretary of state, a bond to the state of Wisconsin in the sum of double the amount of the appropriation, with at least two sureties, who shall together justify their responsibility to the amount of said bond in property within this state over and above all debts and exemptions, and conditioned for the faithful and proper performance of his duties, and the faithful accounting to the state of Wisconsin for all moneys which shall come to his hands.

Moneys, how
disbursed by
treasurer.

SECTION 6. No moneys shall be disbursed by the treasurer except upon the order of the president of said board, countersigned by the secretary thereof, accompanied by an itemized statement or account, clearly showing upon what account and for what purpose the same is paid; and all accounts for traveling expenses and subsistence shall also have attached thereto the affidavit of the person claiming the same, that such traveling expenses have been actually in-

curred, and that the number of days charged in the account shall have been actually spent away from home on the business of said board, and that no claim therefor has theretofore been made. Every such order shall be kept and filed by the treasurer and shall be a sufficient voucher to him for the proper payment of the sum of money represented thereby.

SECTION 7. The said board is authorized and empowered to appoint an executive commissioner, and to fix his salary, subject to the approval of the governor, which shall be payable monthly out of the moneys hereby appropriated; and said executive commissioner may be authorized and required to assume and exercise, subject to the supervision, control and direction at all times of said board, all such executive powers and functions as may be necessary to secure a complete and creditable display of the interests of this state at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893; and as such executive agent of said board he shall have personal charge of the solicitation, collection, transportation, arrangement and exhibition of the objects sent under the authority of the state to the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and of such objects sent by individual citizens of the state as may be by them placed in its charge; he shall make a report to the board monthly, and discharge other matters as shall be required of him by the board, and shall hold his office at the pleasure of the board.

Executive commissioner may be appointed; his powers and duties.

SECTION 8. The treasurer of the board shall from time to time, whenever called upon by the president of the board, make full report to said board; and the said board shall make a full report of all its proceedings, receipts and expenditures from time to time to the governor, and at any time upon his written request, to be by him transmitted to the legislature, together with such suggestions as he may deem important. The said board shall within six months after the close of said World's Columbian Exposition, sell and dispose of the structures, furniture and other acquired materials and property not forming a part of the exhibit, make and file with the secretary of state, a full and complete report and account of all its proceedings, receipts and expenditures, together with all vouchers

Report of proceedings to be filed.

therefor; and the treasurer of said board shall pay over to the secretary of state all moneys which shall remain in his hands; the secretary of state shall audit his accounts, and if found correct, shall endorse his approval thereupon, and shall receive such moneys as shall be paid to him by said treasurer, and turn the same into the state treasury.

Appropriation. SECTION 9. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act. The said board shall cause to be made, from time to time, estimates of the expenses, to the payment of which the money is to be applied, which estimates shall be signed by the president and secretary of said board, and shall be filed with the governor; if the governor shall approve thereof, he shall endorse his approval thereupon, and shall file the same with the secretary of state, and thereupon the secretary of state shall audit the same and shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer of the state for the payment of the amount of said estimates, not exceeding in all the sum hereby appropriated, to the treasurer of said board for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Liability of members of board for debts contracted by board.

SECTION 10. No member of said board, whether an officer thereof or otherwise, shall be personally liable for any debt or obligation which may be created or incurred by said board; and nothing in this act shall be so construed as to create any liability of the state direct or indirect, for any obligation incurred, nor for any claim for aid or for pecuniary assistance from this state, in support or liquidation of any debts or obligations created by said board in excess of the appropriation made by this act.

SECTION 11. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 24, 1891.