

and to operate the same, with all the powers hereinbefore given to such city.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to provide for the collection of certain historical material, and to designate a commissioner for that purpose, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

J. Q. Emery
appointed
commissioner
to collect
historical and
biographical
material until
the second
Wednesday in
January, 1899.

SECTION 1. J. Q. Emery is hereby appointed commissioner until the second Wednesday of January, 1899, with authority, and it shall be his duty so far as practicable, with such aid and advice as may be contributed by the members of the consulting and advisory board provided for in section 3, of this act, to collect, through local historical societies, schools, the grand army of the republic, woman's relief corps, and such other agencies as may be found available, such local historical and biographical material as may be considered valuable for preservation in the library of the state historical society; to encourage and advise local historical societies, and foster in schools and colleges a spirit of local historical inquiry and research, and to co-operate generally with the state historical society and the central committee on the semi-centen-

nial anniversary, in the work of gathering and preserving pioneer and other valuable historical material, particularly with reference to the semi-centennial anniversary of the state. Said commissioner shall make a final report to the legislature within fifteen days after its meeting and organization in the year 1899; and also an annual report to the state historical society on the first of December in the years 1897 and 1898.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of compensating the aforesaid commissioner, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars, one-fourth of which sum shall be paid to the said J. Q. Emery on the first day of July, 1897, one-fourth on the thirty-first day of December, 1897, one-fourth on the first day of July, 1898, and the remaining one-fourth on the thirty-first day of December, 1898.

\$1,750 appropriated for the purpose.

Payments, how and when made.

SECTION 3. The said commissioner is hereby authorized to invite the secretary of the state historical society, some person recommended by the commander of the grand army of the republic, department of Wisconsin, and such other person or persons as he may deem expedient or advisable, to act as a consulting and advisory board, or to aid him otherwise in the prosecution of the purposes of this bill; and it is provided further, that the services of members of the said advisory board herein authorized shall be without compensation.

Authority to invite societies to furnish material.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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