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CHAPTER 102.

AN ACT to provide for the acquisition by the state of Wisconsin, of the title to certain lands herein described; to appropriate the same to public use as an interstate park, and to make an appropriation to pay the owners thereof such compensation as may be awarded them under the provisions of chapter 315 of the laws of Wisconsin, for the year 1895, or of this act.

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

SECTION 1. That the provisions of section 1, of chapter 315, of the laws of Wisconsin for 1895, be and are hereby extended and applied to all the lands hereinafter described, viz.: all those portions of sections twenty-five, thirty-five, and thirty-six, in township thirty-four north, of range nineteen west, lying on the east side of the St. Croix river; also the following described parcels of land in section thirty-one of township thirty-four north, of range eighteen west, viz.: the west half of the northwest quarter of said section thirty-one; twenty-two acres, more or less, of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (being the unimproved portion of said forty acres) of said section thirty-one; also government lot No. four of section thirty, of township thirty-four north, of range eighteen west, containing, according to the government survey, twenty-four and seventy-six hundredths acres more or less; also all unplatted lands lying between the north line of the said government lot No. four and the platted portion of the village of St. Croix, Polk county, Wisconsin, according to the plat of said village on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for said Polk county Wisconsin; also all that part of the

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southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said section thirty as lies between the platted portion of said village of St. Croix and said government lot No. four in said section thirty; also the following described lots and lands lying within the platted portion of said village of St. Croix, viz.: all of blocks eight and twelve with the streets adjacent thereto on the north, in Hungerford's addition to said village of St. Croix, according to the recorded plat thereof; also lots eight, nine, seventeen and eighteen in block four in said Hungerford's addition to the village of St. Croix; also blocks five, six, seven in said village of St. Croix, with the streets adjacent thereto on the north and east; also all of blocks eight, nine and ten, with the streets adjacent thereto on the north and east, and lots one, two, three, four, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two, of block eleven in said village of St. Croix; with the street adjacent thereto on the north, and that portion of River street in said village as lies between the south line of said block eleven, and the north line of block five in said village of St. Croix; also all of block eighteen in said village of St. Croix with the street adjacent thereto on the north; also all of blocks nineteen and twenty with the streets adjacent thereto on the north and east; also all of block twenty-one with the street adjacent thereto on the east, in the said village of St. Croix; also all of block twenty-two in said village of St. Croix, with the street adjacent thereto on the north; also lots eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four of block twenty-nine in said village of St. Croix; also all that portion of the riparian reservation along the banks of the St. Croix river, in said village, according to the official plat of said village of St. Croix, as lies between blocks seven, eight, twenty, and twenty-one, and the streets between said blocks, and the

St. Croix river as the above described lots and lands are designated and indicated upon the plat of the same on file with the secretary of state. Also all islands in the St. Croix river adjacent to or lying between, any of the above described lands and the St. Croix river, which lie within the state of Wisconsin. All of the above lands being those shown and designated on a plat filed in the office of the secretary of state, and entitled, "plat of lands proposed to be taken by the state of Wisconsin for an interstate park, at the Dalles of St. Croix," and the governor of the state of Wisconsin is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to acquire the title to all the foregoing lots and lands for public use as an interstate park, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 315 of the laws of the state of Wisconsin for the year 1895, and under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. To enable the governor to carry into effect the provisions of the act of April 19, 1895 and of this act, there is hereby appropriated out of the money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars. No payment shall be made from this fund until the commission appointed by the governor to determine what compensation the owners of private property shall receive for their lands and property thus appropriated to public use, have made and filed their final report with the governor and secretary of state, and the same has been approved by the governor of the state: and any remainder of said sixty-five hundred dollars shall be available for the general purposes and care of the park; the same to be expended by said commission under the direction and approval of the governor.

Appropriation to purchase park and maintain same.

SECTION 3. When the title to the foregoing lands have been acquired by and vested in the state of Wisconsin the governor from thenceforth shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to co-operate with the governor of the state of Minnesota and either personally or by a joint commission, determine the character and

Governor or commissioners to co-operate with governor of Minnesota, to determine on improvements.

extent of improvements to be made for park purposes, and when and how the same shall be made, and take such other steps in relation thereto, as in his judgment shall most promote the public welfare.

Term and power of commission.

SECTION 4. Any commission appointed by the governor under this act, shall proceed as provided by section 2, of the said act of 1895, during the years 1899 and 1900, and in addition thereto shall have power to determine the damages resulting to each owner of land and property included in the foregoing description, and upon the filing of their report with the secretary of state, and the payment by the governor of the damages awarded, the title of said lands shall vest in the state of Wisconsin without any other act or ceremony whatever.

Compensation of commissioners.

SECTION 5. The compensation of each commissioner appointed under this act, shall be three dollars a day for the time he actually serves upon said commission, and for a period not exceeding twenty days in any one year.

Powers.

SECTION 6. The commissioners appointed under this act, shall have power to administer oaths, and summon and examine witnesses.

Name of park.

SECTION 7. The name of the park shall be "The Interstate Park of the Dalles of the St. Croix," and the commission appointed by the governor shall have the regular care and supervision thereof, under such rules and regulations as the governor may prescribe.

Penalty for defacing park scenes or park property.

SECTION 8. After the state has acquired possession of said lots and lands, any person who shall wilfully cut, destroy or mutilate, or shall cause to be wilfully cut, destroyed or mutilated, any tree, timber or evergreen shrub or other shrubbery in said park, or who shall deface, injure or break any bridge, stairs, walk, structure or improvement, or misplace, disturb or paint any name or names, picture or pictures, upon any rocks, boulders or other material, or post any bill or bills, advertisements, or who shall throw or deposit or cause to be thrown or depos-

ited, any stick or sticks, stone or stones, earth or other debris into what is known as the natural wells within said park, or who shall in any other manner than with hook and line, take any fish from the waters of said park, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars for the first offense; for the second offense, by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars; and for the third offense or further offenses, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars and imprisonment not less than ten, nor more than ninety days in the common jail of the county where the offense is committed. Upon all convictions under this section, all costs of the prosecution shall be added to the fine imposed by the court. All persons charged with the commission of offense as hereinbefore provided, shall be tried under the general laws of the state, applicable to the trial of criminal actions in like cases.

SECTION 9. The governor shall be authorized and empowered to receive gifts of any of said lots or parcels of land described herein or adjacent or near the above described land in the name and for the state of Wisconsin; and said land when acquired shall be a part of said park subject to and governed by the laws relating thereto.

Governor may receive gifts of land.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 30, 1899.