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CHAPTER 205.

AN ACT to provide for the collection, arrangement and display of the manufactures, art and products of the state of Wisconsin, at the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition, providing for the appointment of a commission to prepare plans for and supervise the same, and report to the next legislature.

Whereas, Ohio was the first state to be formed out of the great Northwest Territory and has provided, by an act of its legislature passed April 28, 1898, for an exposition to be held at Toledo, in the state of Ohio, in commemoration of the first centennial of its admission as a state into the union; and

Preamble.

Whereas, it is of great importance that the natural resources, industrial development and progress of the arts and sciences of the state of Wisconsin, which state formed a part of the northwest territory, should be fully and creditably displayed at said exposition, and as it will require large preliminary investigation and work in securing information and in preparing plans in order that the legislature may act intelligently and effectively in assisting to make the display worthy of this state and its people; now therefore,

Preamble.

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

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of arranging and exhibiting the manufactures, arts, products, resources and general developments of the state of Wisconsin at the exposition to be held under the authority and direction of the state of

Purposes of commission and number of.

Ohio at Toledo, in that state, in commemoration of the admission of the state of Ohio into the union, a commission is hereby constituted to be designated as the Wisconsin state commission at the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition, which shall consist of ten citizens of this state, one from each congressional district in the state, and is to be organized and continue its duties as hereinafter provided.

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and organized.

SECTION 2. The members of said board shall be appointed by the governor within twenty (20) days after the passage of this act, and not more than six of whom shall belong to any one political party, and said commission shall meet at such time and place as the governor may appoint, and organize by the election of two vice presidents, and a secretary. A majority of said commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall have the power to make rules and regulations for its own government, not in conflict with the laws of this state or with the laws, rules and regulations, governing said exposition. Any member of said commission may be removed at any time by the governor. All vacancies in said commission which may occur by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SECTION 3. The governor shall be ex-officio a member and shall be the president thereof.

Duties and
powers of
commission.

SECTION 4. Said commission shall have charge of the interests of this state and its citizens in the preparation and exhibition at said exposition of the manufactures, arts, and natural and industrial products of the state, with objects illustrating its history, progress, moral and material welfare, growth, enterprise and development, and all other matters tending to advance the interests, reputation and prosperity of this state at said exposition, it shall collect, obtain and disseminate throughout the state, all necessary information regarding said exposition, notify the people of the state of the purpose

thereof, and prepare plans for the representation and display of the state at said exposition, and make a full report of its proceedings, plans and recommendations to the next session of the legislature.

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

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CHAPTER 206.*

AN ACT creating the offices of commissioner and assistant commissioners of taxation, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. In order to secure improvement in the system and an equalization of taxation in this state, there shall be a commissioner of taxation, a first assistant commissioner, and a second assistant commissioner. The governor shall nominate, and by and with the consent of the senate at this session, appoint as such officers, persons known to him to possess knowledge of the subject of taxation and skill in matters pertaining thereto, to serve ten years from May first, 1899.

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SECTION 2. The commissioner and each of his assistants and any clerk appointed by him, within thirty days after his acceptance of such appointment, and before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take, subscribe and file

To take oath
of office.

See chapter 322, laws of 1899.