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**CHAPTER 450.**

AN ACT to create 15.95 and 20.025 of the statutes, relating to a fine arts commission to receive and maintain a bronze statue to Major Richard Ira Bong and other memorials.

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

SECTION 1. 15.95 of the statutes is created to read:

15.95 FINE ARTS COMMISSION. (1) CREATION AND ORGANIZATION. In order to receive and properly care for and maintain the bronze memorial statue of Major Richard Ira Bong when tendered by the national guard association of Wisconsin and other memorials, the fine arts commission is created to consist of the state architect, the director of the Milwaukee art institute, and the following members appointed to serve for terms of 6 years as follows: a member of the faculty of the department of art education of the school of education of the university or of the department of art history of the college of letters and science of that institution, designated by the president of the university; a member of the board of curators of the state historical society of Wisconsin, designated by the president thereof; and a citizen of the state of recognized standing in the fields of fine arts, architecture or landscape architecture appointed by the governor. All initial appointments shall be made prior to July 1, 1951 and shall expire on April 1, of the year of expiration. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the foregoing for the unexpired term. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum. The commission shall at its first meeting, to be called by the governor, elect a chairman and secretary from its own number and shall make such rules and regulations for the conduct of its own proceedings as it shall deem proper. Thereafter meetings shall be called by the chairman at such time and place as he designates. All notices of meetings and minutes thereof, together with a record of all correspondence and official actions shall be kept by the secretary. All members shall serve without pay, but shall be compensated for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(2) POWERS AND DUTIES. No public monument, memorial, or work of art, except such as are or shall become the property of the university or the state historical society of Wisconsin, shall be constructed by or become the property of the state by purchase wholly or in part from state funds, or by gift or otherwise, until the same has been approved by the commission as to design, structure, composition and location and arrangements made for its care and maintenance which are satisfactory to the commission. "Work of art" means any painting, portrait, mural decoration, stained glass, statue, bas-relief, ornament, tablet, fountain or any other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration. The governor, the legislature or any committee thereof may, at any time, request a report as to the recommendations of the commission on any of the above matters and the commission shall make such report within 30 days of the receipt of such request.

(3) PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. The commission may employ such personnel and acquire such materials and equipment as it deems necessary to carry out its functions, the cost of which does not exceed the amounts specified in section 20.025.

SECTION 2. 20.025 of the statutes is created to read:

20.025 FINE ARTS COMMISSION. There is appropriated from the general fund to the fine arts commission on July 1, 1951, \$5,000 and on July 1, 1952, \$5,000. Of this appropriation there is allotted for the following purposes:

	1951-1952	1952-1953
Personal services .....	\$3,000	\$3,000
Materials and expenses .....	2,000	2,000

Approved June 26, 1951.