

Appropriation.

to employ the necessary clerical help and fix their salaries, and, for the purpose of paying for said clerical services, postage, and other necessary expenses, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated.

How funds shall be raised.

For the purpose of paying the bonus herein provided for, a fund shall be raised by taxation or otherwise, in a manner to be hereafter provided by the General Assembly.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1921, in the sum of \$5,000. I withhold my approval from the remainder of said appropriation because of insufficient State revenue.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 436.

AN ACT

Dedicating certain lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, situated in the city and county of Erie, to public use as an historical memorial and public State park; aiding in the development of the harbor of Erie; and creating a commission to manage and control said lands and said harbor improvements; empowering said commission to purchase or receive by gift other lands for the purpose of this act; providing for the appointment of members of said commission, and that the Secretary of Internal Affairs and the Commissioner of Fisheries shall be ex officio members thereof; defining the duties and powers of said commission; excepting rights and privileges in said lands heretofore granted; and making an appropriation.

Pennsylvania State
Park and Harbor
Commission of
Erie.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That there be, and is hereby, created a commission, which shall be known as the Pennsylvania State Park and Harbor Commission of Erie. Said commission shall consist of nine persons, three to be appointed by the Governor, two by the council of the city of Erie, two by the judges of the judicial district of the county of Erie, and the Secretary of Internal Affairs and the Commissioner of Fisheries to be members ex officio.

Term of office.

Section 2. The term of office shall be for four years, but those first appointed by the Governor shall serve for four years; by the council for the city of Erie, for three years; and by the judges of the judicial district of the county of Erie, for two years. Upon the expiration of the term for which they shall have been appointed, their successors shall be appointed to serve the full term of four years.

Organization.

Section 3. As soon as possible after the approval of this act, said commission shall meet and organize by the election of a president and vice president, and shall meet and effect a like organization annually thereafter.

Section 4. Said commission is empowered to appoint such other officers and employes as may be necessary, and to fix their compensation.

Officers and employes.

Section 5. The commission shall have power to enter upon and take possession of the lands hereafter dedicated and such other lands as may be acquired under the provisions of this act, and exercise full power to manage, control, protect, maintain, and develop said lands for public park purposes and for the improvement of the harbor of Erie, and to adopt, establish, and enforce all necessary rules and regulations therefor.

Powers over dedicated lands.

Rules and regulations.

Section 6. The commission is empowered to make a survey and place suitable landmarks; to make a general plan for improvements, which shall be submitted to the proper department of the United States Government and to the Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania for their approval; to enter into contracts for the building of roads, planning, engineering, dredging, filling, bridging, erection of docks, erection of necessary buildings; to grant reasonable leases and concessions; to control waterways, ponds, lagoons, drives, walks, and ways, the operation of boats and small craft, docks and landings; to provide against encroachment on said lands, channels, and wharves; and to prevent nuisances or pollution of land or waters which are given over to this commission; and to enact rules and regulations for the protection of all forms of wild life that may be encouraged in the woods or ponds or adjacent waters: Provided, That under no consideration is any timber to be sold or removed from the peninsula, and such timber as may be required to be removed for making of ways and roads is to be used in construction work on the peninsula.

Improvement and protection of lands.

Section 7. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Compensation.

Section 8. This commission shall render an annual report of its proceedings and transactions to the Governor, copies of which shall be filed with the council of the city of Erie, the judges of the judicial district of Erie, and with the Secretary of Internal Affairs for filing in his department. True and complete copies of all surveys, plans, contracts, leases, and maps shall also be filed with the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Reports.

Section 9. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby dedicate to the use of the public all those certain parcels or tracts of land and land covered with water, situated in the city and county of Erie in this State, described as follows, to wit:

Dedication of lands by Commonwealth.

First. The Presque Isle Peninsula.

Second. That tract beginning at the northeast corner of fifty (50) acre tract, number twenty-seven, in

the third section of the town of Erie, as finally laid out and sold; thence by the north line of fifty (50) acre tracts, numbering from twenty-seven to thirty-nine inclusive, following as nearly as may be the shore of the Bay of Presque Isle, south sixty-three degrees ten minutes west nine thousand two hundred sixty-six (9,266) feet to a post, the northwest corner of fifty (50) acre tract, number thirty-nine, and the northeast corner of reserve tract, number five; thence north twenty-seven degrees fifteen minutes west (it being the east line of reserve tract, number five produced) fourteen hundred (1,400) feet, more or less, to the United States harbor line extended; thence by the United States harbor line extended north sixty-two degrees thirty-five minutes east nine thousand two hundred sixty-six (9,266) feet to a point in the United States harbor line; thence south twenty-seven degrees fifteen minutes east seven hundred (1,700) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, being the water property in the Bay of Presque Isle, in front adjoining and north of the third section of the town of Erie as originally laid out.

Third. The Canal Basins.

Purpose of dedication.

This dedication is to the end that said Presque Isle Peninsula be preserved, maintained, improved, enlarged, and forever held as a public park, to be known as Pennsylvania State Park at Erie, and the other parcels of land herein described for increasing the utility and importance of the harbor of Erie, under the control and management of the Pennsylvania State Park and Harbor Commission in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Exceptions and reservations.

Section 10. This dedication is made with the exceptions and reservations, however, of all rights and privileges which have heretofore been granted by this Commonwealth, in, to, upon, and about said lands and waters, to the United States Government, the Commission of the Water Works of the city of Erie, and the Department of Fisheries of Pennsylvania, and the further exception and reservation that the second described tract, including water lots fronting on the third section of the city of Erie, shall not be put to commercial or industrial uses.

Acceptance of gifts.

Section 11. The commission is also authorized to accept gifts of lands, buildings, money, or other articles of whatever kind or description, to be used in the improvement of said park and harbor, and to acquire lands by purchase as may be necessary. No such purchase to be made, however, except with the approval of the Governor.

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Section 12. The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Park and Harbor Commission of Erie for the carrying out of the provisions of this act. Said appropriation is made, however, upon the condition

that the city of Erie, the county of Erie, and citizens of Pennsylvania, or others interested, shall first have provided in the aggregate a like sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), to be expended on the construction of a road or roads leading to and through this property. Proof that such sum has been paid or secured to be paid to the commission to be furnished to the Auditor General of Pennsylvania.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1921, in the sum of \$50,000. I withhold my approval from the remainder of said appropriation because of insufficient State revenue.

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No. 437.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appointment of a commission to arrange for an international exhibition to be held in Philadelphia, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, in celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American independence.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the Governor shall appoint a commission, to be known as the "Independence Celebration Commission." The commission shall consist of twenty-five persons, citizens of the Commonwealth. Among the membership of said commission shall be the Governor, three members of the Senate, and three members of the House of Representatives.

Independence
Celebration Com-
mission.

Personnel.

Section 2. The commission shall organize by the election from among their number of a chairman and secretary. The members of the commission shall not receive any compensation, but shall be allowed their actual expenses. The commission is authorized to appoint a clerk.

Organization.
Compensation.

Section 3. The commission shall work in conjunction with the Congress of the United States, the councils of the city of Philadelphia, the Legislatures of the several States, and the governments of foreign powers toward conducting an international exhibition to celebrate in Philadelphia, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American independence.

Cooperation with
other bodies.

Section 4. The sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated for the use of the com-

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