

## THE LAW FOR THE MEMORIAL BUILDING.

It is deemed appropriate to present for preservation in these pages the law passed at the last session of the Iowa Legislature, the initial step in providing for the erection of a "Memorial, Historical and Art Building." The following is the full text of the statute:

## CHAPTER CIV.

An act authorizing the executive council to purchase or condemn a site on which to erect a Memorial, Historical and Art Building, to procure plans and specifications therefor, and take other preliminary steps toward its construction, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section I. That the executive council is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase or procure by condemnation, in the name of the state, real property adjacent to the Capitol building and grounds in Des Moines, Iowa, on which to erect a Memorial, Historical and Art Building.

Section II. The executive council shall, after the purchase of the site for such building, procure suitable plans, detailed drawings, and specifications for the construction of a fire-proof building on such site, and, when built, to be used for the accommodation and preservation of the historical and art collections, library and museum of the historical department now owned by the state, and for the accommodation and preservation of such other libraries and collections as may be placed in the custody and control of said historical department. In the adoption of any plan for such building, the executive council shall take into consideration the future needs of the state, and shall adopt a plan which will readily admit of such enlargements as may be required in the future.

Section III. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to carry out the provisions of this act; and should there be any of this appropriation remaining unexpended, after the purchase of the site and the procurement of plans and specifications, the executive council may use the same in such preliminary preparation as they may deem necessary, looking toward the construction of said building.

Section IV. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

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