

STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY UNITED.

§ 1. Amends act of 1889 by adding section 6, thereto.

Approved May 16, 1903.

§ 6. State Historical Society made a department of State Historical Library.

AN ACT to add a new section to an act entitled, "An act to establish the Illinois State Historical Library and to provide for its care and maintenance, and to make appropriations therefor," approved May 25, 1889, and in force July 1, 1889.

WHEREAS, Said act among other things, contemplated that "there be collected and preserved in some permanent form, before it is too late to rescue from oblivion the memory of its earlier history and those who founded it, as well as of those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days;" and,

WHEREAS, This latter feature of the preservation of the history of the State of Illinois can best be secured through an Illinois State Historical Society, with auxiliary branches organized in the various counties of the State; and,

WHEREAS, There is already such an Illinois State Historical Society duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That there be added to the act of May 25, 1889, entitled, "An act to establish the Illinois Historical Library and to provide for its care and maintenance, and to make appropriations therefor," approved May 25, 1889, and in force July 1, 1889, an additional section to be numbered section 6, and which shall read as follows:

§ 6. That the Illinois State Historical Society be, and the same is hereby declared a department of the Illinois State Historical Library, and the board of trustees of the said Illinois State Historical Library is hereby authorized to pay for the necessary stationery, postage, and other like incidental expenses of the said Illinois State Historical Society, out of any fund the Legislature may appropriate to the said Illinois State Historical Library for such purposes; and also to pay the expenses of interviewing old settlers of the State of Illinois, examining county, church, school and the like records, at the discretion of the board of trustees of said Illinois State Historical Library, and the auditing of the accounts of which shall be subject to the approval of the Governor of the State of Illinois: *And, provided further,* that all such material shall be the property of the said Illinois State Historical Library, and shall be deposited among its archives for reference and safe keeping.

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