

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL.

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| <p>§ 1. Establishing a State historical library at the capital.</p> <p>§ 2. Sets apart rooms for its use.</p> <p>§ 3. Trustees for the control and management to be appointed by the Governor, who shall serve without pay.</p> | <p>§ 4. Powers and duties of the trustees defined; librarian to be chosen by the trustees and salary fixed.</p> <p>§ 5. Appropriates \$2,500 per annua for the use of the library.</p> |
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WHEREAS, It is important and desirable that all books, pamphlets and other printed matter, manuscripts, monographs and other writings, illustrative and descriptive of the history of the State, 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 those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days, therefore,

AN ACT to establish the Illinois State Historical Library, and to provide for its care and maintenance, and to make appropriations therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That there is hereby established at the capital of the State, a historical library, which shall be known as the "Illinois State Historical Library."

§ 2. The north ante-room of the State library rooms in the State House shall be set apart for the use of the State historical library, and free access thereto at all reasonable hours shall be forever had and maintained.

§ 3. The Illinois State historical library shall be under the control and management of three trustees well versed in the history of the State, and qualified by habit and disposition to discharge the duties of their office, who shall be chosen and appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate, for the term of two years, and until their successors have been appointed and commissioned. The said trustees shall receive no compensation for their services, except for their actual expenses while in the discharge of their official duties, to be paid upon itemized accounts approved by the Governor.

§ 4. The said trustees shall have power, and they are hereby required to make all necessary rules, regulations and by-laws not inconsistent with law, to carry into effect the purposes of this act, and to procure from time to time, as may be possible and practicable at reasonable cost, all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, monographs, writings and other materials of historical interest and useful to the historian, bearing upon the political, physical, religious or social history of the state of Illinois from the earliest known period of time. They shall also have the power to select some person having the requisite qualifications as librarian and to fix the salary, not, however, to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

§ 5. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the Auditor is authorized to draw his warrant therefor, payable to the order of the trustees of the "Illinois State Historical Library," upon proper vouchers, approved by the Governor.

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