
LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of the Badge Commission and empowering that Commission to secure a badge for each Pennsylvania soldier or sailor who served in the United States army or navy for a term not less than sixty days between April six one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and November eleven one thousand nine hundred and eighteen commemorative of the services rendered by the troops from Pennsylvania in the great European war and making an appropriation for the cost of such badges and the expenses of the commission

1 Whereas About three hundred thousand men from Penn-
2 sylvania served as soldiers in the army or navy of
3 the United States in the war with the Central Empires
4 of Europe from April six one thousand nine hundred and
5 seventeen to November eleven one thousand nine hundred
6 and eighteen and

1 Whereas many of said soldiers and sailors were in
2 the presence of the enemy and under fire and suffered
3 great loss and exhibited great gallantry and heroism rarely
4 excelled in the history of warfare therefore

5 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
6 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
7 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same* That
8 the Governor of the Commonwealth be and he is hereby
9 empowered to appoint a commission to be known as the
10 Badge Commission consisting of five persons who shall have
11 power and authority vested in them under this act to
12 procure appropriate metal badges or insignia for each sol-
13 dier or sailor as hereinafter provided And provided That
14 the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania two members of the
15 Senate and two members of the House shall constitute
16 the said Commission and provided further That the Gov-
17 ernor of the Commonwealth shall be ex-officio a member
18 of such Commission clothed with the same power as the
19 members of the said Commission

20 Section 2 That as soon as practicable after the mem-
21 bers of said commission shall have been selected as pro-
22 vided for in the first section of this act the members
23 thereof shall meet at the State Capitol in Harrisburg and
24 organize by the election of a president secretary and treas-
25 urer and such committees as under the usual rules of
26 procedure said Commission shall deem proper That when
27 said Commission shall have been so organized it shall be
28 empowered and authorized to select and decide upon a
29 suitable design for the said insignia or badge and the

1 kind of metal of which it shall be made as provided
2 for in the first section of this act and shall have power
3 to have inscriptions and data placed upon said badge as
4 they may deem proper in relation to the distinguished
5 service performed by these Pennsylvania soldiers in the war
6 to preserve and protect mankind and shall have full
7 power to make contracts for their manufacture but they
8 shall not make contracts in excess of the appropriation
9 herein made

10 Section 3 That said commission shall have full power
11 to formulate rules and arrange a system of blanks which
12 shall provide for the full name of the soldier or near-
13 est relative making application for such badge giving his
14 age place of residence place of enlistment his order num-
15 ber name of regiment or division rank and such other
16 information as the said Commission may deem necessary
17 Provided That any person falsely representing himself to
18 be a soldier or sailor and entitled to a badge or in-
19 signia under this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
20 upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one
21 hundred dollars and imprisoned not more than sixty days
22 or both or either at the discretion of the court before
23 which conviction is had

24 Section 4 That for the purpose of purchasing and
25 securing the badges or insignia and the expenses of the
26 commission the following sums are hereby appropriated out
27 of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated
28 For the metal badges or other insignia the sum of two
29 million dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary.

1 Provided That the members of this Commission shall serve
2 without any compensation whatever Provided further That
3 any necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of the
4 duties herein provided shall be paid out of the appro-
5 priation for that purpose said appropriation to be paid
6 by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn by the
7 Auditor General