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A BILL FOR

An Act establishing a historical marker commission.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. It is hereby recognized that the marking of
2 sites by appropriate markers, of special historical, archaeological,
3 geological, or legendary significance, and the maintaining of
4 such markers, to preserve their individual characteristics, is in
5 the best interest of the public and would further stimulate
6 admiration and respect for forces and elements that enhance
7 the prestige of Iowa.

1 Sec. 2. There is hereby created and established a historical
2 markers commission which shall be an agency of the state govern-
3 ment to promote the policies set forth in this chapter and shall
4 represent the state of Iowa in all matters within the scope of
5 this chapter.

1 Sec. 3. The commission shall consist of nine (9) members who
2 shall be electors of the state of Iowa and shall be selected from
3 the state at large solely with regard to and demonstrated interests
4 in matters outlined by this chapter and without consideration to
5 their political affiliation. The members of the commission
6 shall be appointed by the governor with the approval of two-thirds
7 ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members of the senate in executive session and
8 shall be appointed for overlapping terms of six (6) years.
9 The terms of three (3) members of the commission shall expire

10 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Within sixty (60) days
11 following organization of each biennial regular session of the
12 General Assembly, appointments shall be made of successors to
13 members of the commission whose terms of office shall expire on
14 the first of July next thereafter and of members to fill the un-
15 expired portion of vacant terms.

1 Sec. 4. Members of this commission shall serve without
2 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary and actual
3 expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of official
4 duties and providing funds are available for such purposes.

1 Sec. 5. The commission shall organize by the election of a
2 chairman and shall meet at the seat of government on the second
3 Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October, and
4 at such other times and places as it may deem necessary. The
5 chairman shall be elected annually at the meeting of the commis-
6 sion in July. Meetings may be called by the chairman and shall
7 be called by the chairman on the request of four (4) members of
8 the commission. The majority of the commission shall constitute
9 a quorum and the concurrence of a majority of the commission
10 in any matter within their duties shall be required for its
11 determination. The commission shall adopt such rules and regula-
12 tions as it may deem necessary to transact its business and for
13 the administration and exercise of its powers and duties.

1 Sec. 6. The commission shall plan, develop and publicize a
2 uniform official system of marking for state historical,
3 archaeological, geological and legendary sites. Such sites
4 shall be marked with markers of standard design, selected and
5 approved by the commission, which shall be displayed at each
6 site with an inscription setting forth the facts of particular

7 interest. Such standard design markers shall not be used to
 8 mark sites other than those designated by the commission, or other
 9 sites approved by it in writing, and then subject to such conditions
 10 as the commission may deem appropriate. The commission may cause
 11 the removal of any such markers not so used.

1 Sec. 7. The commission may accept gifts, appropriations, and
 2 bequests made to it for the purposes of this section and use
 3 them as far as practicable in accordance with the wishes of the
 4 donor. All money so received shall promptly be paid into the
 5 state treasury and be paid out on order of the commission. The
 6 expenditures thereof shall be audited and paid as other disburse-
 7 ments by the state treasury are audited and paid. The commission
 8 may accept the aid, support and cooperation of county, city,
 9 village or town agencies, or private agencies or persons in execu-
 10 ting its projects. All state boards, commissions, departments
 11 and institutions are directed to cooperate with it in the performance
 12 of its duties. Applicable laws shall be liberally construed in
 13 favor of such cooperation.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 519

The purpose of this bill is to establish a historical marker commission to recognize that the marking of sites by appropriate markers, of special historical, archaeological, geological or legendary significance, and the maintaining of such markers to preserve their individual characteristics is in the best interest of the public and would further stimulate admiration and respect for forces and elements that enhance the prestige of Iowa.

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1 Amend section seven (7), line eight (8), by inserting preceding
 2 the word "county" the words "federal, state,".

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 March 22, 1963.

COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION AND
 COORDINATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT,
 JAMES E. PATTON, *Chairman*.