

Bill accompanying the petition of Anson B. Edgerly that provision be made for a suitable celebration of the tercentenary anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. Joint Ways and Means. January 14.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

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**AN ACT**

Relative to the Celebration of the Tercentenary Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Provision by appropriation of money, or  
2 otherwise, shall be made for an international exposition in  
3 greater Boston, expressly including the city of Cambridge,  
4 in celebration of the tercentenary anniversary of the  
5 landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

1 SECTION 2. The said exposition shall be held either in  
2 the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two, or else in nine-  
3 teen hundred and twenty-five or earlier, as shall be deter-  
4 mined by the commissioners, or managers, to be selected,  
5 who shall also determine the number of days and the  
6 months of the year the exposition shall be open.

1 SECTION 3. A commission of at least five members, or  
2 more, as shall be determined by vote of the legislature,  
3 with a secretary, shall be appointed by his excellency  
4 the governor and confirmed by his council, all of whom  
5 shall be remunerated, or financed personally, by the ap-  
6 pointing power, who shall also have power to remove any  
7 or all members of said commission, or its secretary, sum-  
8 marily; but no salary of a member shall be less than five  
9 thousand dollars per annum, nor more than ten thousand  
10 dollars per annum, during the life of the commission,  
11 which shall begin as soon as may be after the passage of  
12 this act and endure until the end of the exposition and  
13 the final liquidation thereof, according to custom. Except  
14 as hereinafter otherwise specified, the said commission,  
15 with the usual powers, and observing due diligence, shall  
16 construct and operate the said exposition after the spirit  
17 and general intent of the report of the Pilgrim tercenten-  
18 ary commission appointed under chapter one hundred  
19 and seven, resolves of nineteen hundred and sixteen,  
20 made January third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, —  
21 especially the supplementary statement of said report.

1 SECTION 4. The cost of the said exposition shall be  
2 fifteen million dollars; but, either by memorializing the  
3 national government during the present legislature, or  
4 some subsequent one, or else by the invitation of the com-  
5 missioners of the exposition at any time, in case no invita-  
6 tion has been extended by the legislature, the congress of  
7 the United States shall be asked to appropriate and  
8 donate ten millions of dollars to the exposition, addition-  
9 ally. Also, in the same way, the city of Boston, or any  
10 other entity, may be invited to contribute additionally in  
11 money or otherwise to the success of the exposition. But  
12 in any case, the net sum of fifteen million dollars shall be

13 provided by the state of Massachusetts for the said ex-  
14 position.

1 SECTION 5. The site of the said exposition shall be the  
2 west side of the Charles river basin in the city of Cam-  
3 bridge, reaching from the Craigie bridge, if necessary and  
4 desirable, to the Cottage Farm bridge, and inland enough  
5 to cover not less than six hundred acres, nor more than  
6 eight hundred acres, taking in the use of the Massa-  
7 chusetts Institute of Technology as an educational ex-  
8 hibit, if it shall be proven that the state of Massachusetts  
9 has at any time contributed money or other assets to the  
10 said institute. The use of the said institute shall be ac-  
11 cording to the determination of the said commission and  
12 the president of the said institute, the said commission  
13 observing due care and making restoration of the said  
14 plant immediately after the close of the exposition.

1 SECTION 6. The exposition shall be defined as in  
2 section five.

1 SECTION 7. The price of admission to the exposition  
2 shall be not less than ten cents, nor more than twenty-  
3 five cents to persons over fifteen years of age, with half  
4 rates to persons under fifteen years of age, as nearly as  
5 may be, and free admission to children in arms.

1 SECTION 8. The commission herein provided for shall  
2 have full powers of construction and management of the  
3 proposed Plymouth pageants in the sub-report of Prof.  
4 George P. Baker, and of the proposed Olympic games in  
5 the sub-report of Ralph A. Cram, if said pageants and  
6 games shall be ordered by the legislature, to the end that  
7 said pageants and games shall be "adjuncts" to the ex-  
8 position and in harmony therewith.

1    SECTION 9. The commission shall have power to de-  
2 termine "floor space" in the exposition.

1    SECTION 10. The said commission shall have power,  
2 if they so elect, to accept money for stock and make the  
3 said exposition a joint stock corporation with the state of  
4 Massachusetts, and all contributors in money, joint stock-  
5 holders with pro rata interests.

1    SECTION 11. This act shall take effect ninety days  
2 after its passage, and the governor and his council shall  
3 in a reasonable time make their appointments to the said  
4 commission of the exposition, who shall immediately  
5 prepare for the exposition, as herein provided, enlisting  
6 the credit of the state of Massachusetts, if necessary, to  
7 the extent herein specified.