

# STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND STATE PARKS

## CHAPTER 374

S. B. No. 225

(Freed, Roen, Vendsel, Wenstrom,)  
(Meidinger, Longmire, Garaas)

### EASEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARK PURPOSES

#### AN ACT

Authorizing an easement over certain property now owned by the state of North Dakota to the United States of America, for park purposes and the reversion thereof in case of nonuse, declaring it an emergency.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1.) Authorization is hereby granted for the conveyance of an easement over certain property of the state of North Dakota to the United States of America for the construction of a sewer and electric and telephone lines subject to the right of reversion in the grantor in case the easement granted is not used for national park purposes or is abandoned, which state-owned land is more specifically described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land lying in the northeast quarter of section twenty-seven, township one hundred forty north, range one hundred two west, said tract being described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of section twenty-seven thence running west along the section line between said section twenty-seven and section twenty-two to a point where said section line crosses the right shore line of the Little Missouri River, thence in a southwesterly direction along said shore line to a point where said shore line crosses the north right-of-way boundary of United States Highway No. 10 as now located and constructed, thence in a southeasterly direction along said right-of-way line to a point where said line crosses the west boundary line of block eleven, village of Medora, thence north zero degrees twenty-seven minutes west to the southwest corner of block four, village of Medora, thence north eighty-nine degrees thirty-three minutes east for a distance of one hundred fifty feet to a point, thence north zero degrees twenty-seven minutes west for a distance of five hundred

ten feet to a point, said point being on the north boundary line of block 3, village of Medora, thence north eighty-nine degrees thirty-three minutes east to a point on the section line between said section twenty-seven and section twenty-six, thence north along said section line to the point of beginning.

The easement for said property shall be executed in the name of the state of North Dakota and signed by the governor and attested by the secretary of state.

§ 2.) This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 10, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 375

S. B. No. 272  
(Wenstrom)

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### HISTORICAL STUDY OF YELLOWSTONE AND MISSOURI RIVER CONFLUENCE

#### AN ACT

Establishing a commission to work jointly with the state of Montana and the national park service for the purpose of investigating the historical significance of the area in northwestern North Dakota and northeastern Montana at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers for the purpose of determining the feasibility of preserving the historic sites of the area illustrative of the history of the United States and making an appropriation therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. **Yellowstone-Missouri-Fort Union Commission.)** There is hereby created and established the Yellowstone-Missouri-Fort Union Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "commission" which is declared to be a governmental agency with the authority to exercise the powers specified herein, or which may be reasonably implied, composed of the governor as chairman, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, the director of the state historical society, the director of the state economic development commission, all ex officio, and five citizens of the state to be appointed by the governor who shall serve without compensation for the purpose of investigating, in cooperation with the state of Montana and the national park service, the historical importance and sig-

nificance of the area and for formulating and executing plans for the preservation of the historic sites illustrative of the history of the United States.

**§ 2. Organization of Commission: Powers and Duties.)** Upon call of the governor, the commission shall meet and select from among its members a vice chairman and a secretary. All commission employees shall be entitled to be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while attending meetings or otherwise engaged in the official business of the commission at the same rates as other state officers. The commission may establish such committees and subcommittees as it may deem desirable and necessary to carry out its purposes and adopt such rules and regulations as deemed appropriate. It may accept funds, property and services and other assistance, financial or otherwise, from federal, state, county, municipal, and other public or private sources for the purpose of assisting and promoting its functions. It shall enlist the aid of all departments of the state, and may call upon civic, patriotic, educational, fraternal, professional and religious bodies and organizations for assistance.

**§ 3. Appropriation.)** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, provided that any or all of the appropriated sum be committed, obligated or expended during any period of the biennium and notwithstanding any provisions of the law to the contrary.

Approved March 16, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 376

H. B. No. 698

(Christopher, Lowe, Einarson, Halcrow, Baldwin)

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### MUSEUM AT PEMBINA

#### AN ACT

Authorizing the establishment and construction of a state historical museum at or near the city of Pembina, North Dakota.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

**§ 1. State Historical Museum at Pembina.)** The state historical society is hereby authorized to establish and construct a state historical museum to be located at or near the city

of Pembina, in the county of Pembina, which shall be supervised by the state historical society. The state historical society shall have custody of and preserve in the museum at Pembina, for the people of the state of North Dakota, objects of primitive Indian art and other articles of historical value to the state which are acquired for such purpose. The state historical society shall be authorized to accept gifts, donations or contributions to be used or expended in the construction of the historical museum. At such time as the amount of gifts, donations and contributions, when combined with the appropriation provided for this purpose, become sufficient to construct a building which can effectuate the purposes of this Act, the state historical society shall contract for and supervise the construction of the state historical museum. The state historical society may, after the construction of the museum has been completed, transfer the operation of the museum to the city of Pembina upon such terms and conditions as the state historical society may require. If, in the judgment of the state historical society, sufficient gifts, donations and contributions are not received for the construction of the museum by July 1, 1961, then the state historical society shall return all such gifts, donations and contributions to the individual or individuals giving the same, and in such event the appropriation provided for this purpose shall be returned to the general fund.

Approved March 12, 1959.