

[No. 39, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12.

Authorizing the employment of a competent architect to examine the vault in which state records are stored.

Whereas, In his message to the legislature on February 11th, 1897, Governor Scofield has directed attention to the unprotected condition of our state records now stored in the basement of this building, and has recommended that some one of the committees of the legislature make investigation of the condition of the records and of the vault in which they are stored and that, if it be found that they are not sufficiently protected, provision be made for the construction of a thoroughly fire-proof vault in which they may be stored with safety; and

Whereas, Such recommendations of the message have been referred to the committee on state affairs in both the senate and assembly; and

Whereas, Such committees, acting together and with the governor and the secretary of state, have inspected the condition of the records and the vault in which they are stored and have found it necessary to have the advice of a competent architect to determine whether the present vault be fire-proof and what, if any, additional vault room ought to be provided; therefore

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, that the two committees on state affairs, acting together, be and they are hereby authorized to employ a competent architect to examine and report upon the present condition of the vault in which the records of the state are stored, and to make such recommendations with reference to insuring the safety of the present vault, or providing another vault, as in the judgment of such committees may be necessary for the preservation of the public records.

Resolved, that such committees be and they are hereby are authorized to incur the necessary expense of carrying out the recommendations of the governor as above set forth, to the amount of not to exceed three hundred dollars, (\$300.00).