

1975 Senate Bill 502

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CHAPTER 145, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to create a bicentennial medal committee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Bicentennial medal committee. (1) There is created a bicentennial medal committee of 5 members, consisting of:

(a) Two senators and 2 representatives to the assembly, appointed as are the members of standing committees of the respective houses, but one of the members appointed from each house shall be a member of the majority party and one member shall be a member of the minority party in that house.

(b) The chief of the legislative reference bureau.

(2) The bicentennial medal committee shall study the feasibility of issuing, in conjunction with the national observance of the bicentennial of the United States, a medal so struck that the design commemorates the national bicentennial on the obverse side and the 140th anniversary of the Wisconsin territory on the reverse side.

(3) The committee shall submit appropriate legislation to the 1975 legislature, no later than January 28, 1976. Without limitation because of enumeration, such legislation shall address the following subjects:

(a) The detailed design of the medal, and the metal to be used.

(b) The number of numbered copies to be struck, including a list of public offices and institutions entitled to purchase a copy of the medal from the numbered set.

(c) The number of unnumbered medals to be struck, to be sold through the state historical society of Wisconsin and such county historical societies as wish to participate, with all proceeds accruing to the selling historical society.

(d) Suggestions for the initial funding of the medals project through public donations so structured as to qualify for tax deductible status.

(4) Nothing in this section, and nothing in any of the legislation to be proposed by the committee under sub. (3), shall authorize any free distribution of the medals struck under this section other than a distribution of one copy each to the Wisconsin state historical society, the constitutional state officers, and the members of the committee.

(5) Any gifts, grants, bequests or devises received by the committee shall, until otherwise provided by law, be administered under section 20.907 (2) of the statutes.
