

PENNSYLVANIA BOUNDARY LINE MARKER - RELATING TO
Act of May 4, 1889, P.L. 81, No. 77
AN ACT

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Section 1. That it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint three competent persons as commissioners, representing this Commonwealth, who are hereby authorized to act in conjunction with a similar commission from the State of Delaware, to examine, survey and re-establish the boundary line that separates this Commonwealth from the State of Delaware, and when said line shall have been properly relocated, to mark its location by the erection of enduring monuments.

It shall also be the duty of the said commissioners to make a detailed report of their operations, which, together with the field notes of surveys, description of monuments, maps and other items of interest connected with their work, shall be filed immediately after the performance of the duties imposed by this act, with the Secretary of Internal Affairs, who shall cause a proper record of the same to be made, and shall place the same among other papers and documents relating to the boundary lines and boundary line monuments; that for the purpose of providing for the compensation of the said commissioners and for defraying other necessary expenses incident to the discharge of the duties herein imposed, the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much

thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be paid on warrant of the Auditor General to the Secretary of Internal Affairs, who shall, before disbursing the same, require the presentation of properly verified and authenticated vouchers: Provided, That the compensation of said commissioners shall be determined by the Governor, Auditor General and Secretary of Internal Affairs. 1889, May 4, P.L. 81, Sec.1.

Section 2. Duty of Secretary of Internal Affairs, when boundary lines cannot be ascertained

Whenever it shall appear from the reports of the county commissioners on boundary line monuments, that any of said monuments have been mutilated, destroyed or displaced or carried away from their proper location, or whenever it shall appear on satisfactory proof that the location of any of the boundary lines cannot be ascertained by reason of the destruction or misplacement of the monuments which mark the same, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Internal Affairs to correspond with the proper authorities of other States interested, and he is hereby authorized to act with such parties and represent this Commonwealth in the re-establishment, by survey or otherwise, of said boundary lines, the erection of new monuments, the repairing, resetting or renewing of old ones when found necessary.

That an annual appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars shall be made for the purpose of defraying the expenses of surveying and locating said boundary lines, and for the repairing, resetting and renewing of the monuments that mark the same, which appropriation shall be disbursed, or so much thereof as may be necessary to make effectual the provision of this section, under the supervision of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, who shall in all cases require the presentation of properly verified vouchers and shall cause the same to be filed in the office of the Auditor General: Provided, That the said annual appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars shall cease and terminate on the first day of June, 1891. 1889, May 4, P.L. 81, Sec. 2.