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- 1 Introduced by Mr. Woods, February 13, 1934.
- 2 Read by title, ordered printed, and read a first time and ordered to second.

A BILL

For an Act in relation to the celebration by A Century of Progress of the beginning of a new century in Chicago's history.

WHEREAS, A Century of Progress, a corporation (not for profit) duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois by citizens of said State, has successfully and efficiently constructed and conducted upon lands, submerged or otherwise, the title and control of which is vested in South Park Commissioners, a municipal corporation of this State, a World's Fair and International Exposition celebrating and commemorating the centennial of the incorporation of the City of Chicago as a municipality, which has greatly contributed to the education, scientific enlightenment, recreation and entertainment and to the furtherance of the financial and commercial interests of the people of the State of Illinois and of the United States, has aided in the creation and maintenance of public courage and confidence and, in a period of serious depression, has added immeasurable impetus to the recovery of the State and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The said World's Fair and International Exposition so conducted by said A Century of Progress closed and terminated on the 12th day of November, 1933; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized by the Legislature of the State of Illinois that the holding of a Chicago World's Fair, as hereinafter defined, during the year 1934 for the purpose of celebrating fittingly the beginning of the new century in the history of said municipality through intelligent, entertaining and educational portrayals of the new era in the arts, sciences, industry, agriculture, drama and sport, and by means of collective or cooperative exhibits thereof, would be of great educational value to the people of the State of Illinois and to the nation, would continue and augment the benefits to the State and nation derived from said centennial celebration during 1933, would serve other desirable and useful public purposes, and should have the support and cooperation of all the people of the State of Illinois, and that necessary and desirable legislation should be enacted by the Legislature of the State of Illinois in aid of the successful holding of such Chicago World's Fair during the year 1934; and

WHEREAS, Said A Century of Progress is a suitable and proper agency to conduct said Chicago World's Fair in the year 1934; Now THEREFORE

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

SECTION 1. The phrase "Chicago World's Fair" as used in this Act means
2 a fair or exposition celebrating the beginning of the new century in the history
3 of the City of Chicago, through portrayals of the new era in any one or more
4 of the following, namely, the arts, sciences, industry, agriculture, drama and
5 sport, in which the government of the United States, or of the State of Illinois,
6 or of any other state or any territory of the United States shall participate. The
7 holding of said Chicago World's Fair during the year 1934 is hereby declared
8 to be a public and park purpose, and the use and occupation of any public park,
9 or any part thereof, by said A Century of Progress for the conduct of said
10 Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934 is hereby declared to be

11 a public and park purpose, and notwithstanding the imposition of admission
12 fees to said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934, as authorized
13 by this Act.

Sec. 2. That there shall be and is hereby granted to said A Century of
2 Progress the use and occupation of all lands, or rights therein, of the State of
3 Illinois, whether submerged or otherwise, within the present limits of the City
4 of Chicago, or adjacent thereto, which may be designated and selected by said
5 A Century of Progress as the site or sites for the holding of said Chicago World's
6 Fair to be held during the year 1934; provided, however, that in case the site
7 or sites for the holding of the said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the
8 year 1934, as finally located and fixed by said A Century of Progress, shall in-
9 clude lands, whether submerged or otherwise, the title or control of which is in
10 any Park Commission for public park purposes, then and in that event the use
11 of such lands for the purposes of said Chicago World's Fair to be held in the
12 year 1934 shall be conditioned upon the consent and approval of such Park Com-
13 missioners, and it shall be competent, and express authority for that purpose is
14 hereby granted to the Park Commissioners having the title or control of such
15 public park lands, whether submerged or otherwise, to allow the use of the
16 same, or any part thereof, by said A Century of Progress for the purposes of
17 said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934, upon such terms
18 and conditions, including admission fees to be charged by said A Century of
19 Progress, as may be agreed upon between the said Park Commissioners and
20 said A Century of Progress, and to prescribe all necessary police, fire, health
21 and building regulations in connection therewith; and provided further, that in
22 case the site or sites for the holding of said Chicago World's Fair to be held
23 during the year 1934, as finally located and fixed by said A Century of Prog-
24 ress, shall include any lands, whether submerged or otherwise, the title or con-
25 trol of which is in the City of Chicago and not in any Park Commission for pub-
26 lic park purposes, then and in that event the use of such lands, whether sub-
27 merged or otherwise, by said A Century of Progress, shall be conditioned up-
27 on the consent and approval of said City of Chicago, and it shall be com-

28 petent, and express authority for that purpose is hereby granted to the City of
29 Chicago to allow the use of such lands, or any part thereof, by said A Century
30 of Progress for the purposes of said Chicago World's Fair to be held during
31 the year 1934, upon such terms and conditions, including the admission fees to
32 be charged by said A Century of Progress, as may be agreed upon between said
33 City of Chicago and said A Century of Progress, and to prescribe all necessary
34 police, fire, health and building regulations in connection therewith. Without in
35 any manner limiting the foregoing, it is expressly declared that the site or sites
36 so to be designated and selected by said A Century of Progress for said Chi-
37 cago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934 may include all, or may ex-
38 clude or omit all or one or more parts, of any site used and occupied by said A
39 Century of Progress for the holding during the year 1933 of said Chicago
40 World's Fair centennial celebration. The use and occupation hereby granted
41 shall not continue longer than one year after the close of said Chicago World's
42 Fair to be held during the year 1934.

Sec. 3. In case said A Century of Progress shall desire to use and occupy
2 hereunder any one or more improvements of a permanent character, enlarging
3 any public grounds, heretofore made for the accommodation of said Chicago
4 World's Fair centennial celebration, or in case improvements of a permanent
5 character, enlarging any public grounds, shall be made for the accommodation of
6 said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934, all such enlarge-
7 ments shall, at the expiration of the term herein limited, remain a part of said
8 public grounds, without prejudice to any private rights therein as the same ex-
9 isted prior to the passage of this Act; provided, that the buildings erected on
10 said public grounds, or any enlargement thereof, may be removed and disposed
11 of by the authorities erecting the same within one year from and after the close
12 of said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934, unless otherwise
13 arranged and agreed between the corporate authorities of the public body now
14 having title to or control of the land upon which said buildings shall have been
15 erected and the authorities who shall have erected the same. After one year
16 from the close of said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934, the

17 control of the lands, whether submerged or otherwise, which shall have been oc-
18 cupied or used for such purpose, shall revert to the corporate authorities of the
19 public body now controlling such lands.

Sec. 4. If any owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting on any such
2 public grounds, or park grounds or adjacent thereto, shall have any private right,
3 easement, interest or property in such public or park grounds appurtenant to
4 their lands or lots, or otherwise, or any right to have such public or park grounds
5 remain open or vacant and free from encroachment, the Attorney General, or
6 the State's Attorney of Cook County, may, at the request of said A Century of
7 Progress, apply to the Circuit or Superior Court of Cook County, or to any
8 judge of either of said courts in vacation, by filing with the clerk of the Court a
9 petition in the name of the people of the State of Illinois, praying that the com-
10 pensation to be paid for such right, interest, easement or property, or for any
11 interference with or damage thereto, for the term hereinafter mentioned, may be
12 ascertained by a jury. Such petition and all proceedings in relation thereto
13 shall be, as nearly as may be, as prescribed by an Act entitled "An Act to pro-
14 vide for the exercise of the right of eminent domain", approved April 10, 1872,
15 and all Acts amendatory thereof. No private right, interest, easement or prop-
16 erty shall be taken or condemned, as aforesaid, for a longer term than may be
17 necessary for the accomplishment of the objects and purposes of the Chicago
18 World's Fair to be held during the year 1934, such term not to exceed five years.
19 The compensation for the same, when ascertained by a jury as aforesaid, shall
20 be paid by said A Century of Progress. Upon the expiration of the term for
21 which such right, interest, easement or property shall have been taken or con-
22 demned, as aforesaid, the same shall immediately revert to the owners thereof,
23 or their privies in law or in estate.

Sec. 5. Inasmuch as it is important and necessary that preparation for the
2 holding of said Chicago World's Fair to be held during the year 1934 should be
3 proceeded with at once, it is therefore declared that an emergency exists, and
4 that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

17. The court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters in dispute between the parties to this contract, including but not limited to the interpretation, performance, breach, and termination of this contract.

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