

**DOCUMENT 45 – RESOLUTIONS DONATING LAND AND MONEY IF THE STATE
CAPITOL BE REMOVED TO CHICAGO**

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TRANSCRIPTION

Whereas members of the General Assembly have indicated a disposition to remove the seat of government of the State from Springfield to some other point, and have expressed a wish for a proposition from this City ~~in relation to the subject~~ to make provision towards such removal here.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Chicago in Common Council assembled —

1. Resolved. That if the necessary act shall be passed by the General Assembly to remove the seat of government to Chicago, the City of Chicago will donate ^{to the State} ^ Union Park which contains seventeen acres and is worth three hundred thousand dollars as a site for the capital building and grounds, and in that event the Mayor and Comptroller shall and they are hereby authorised and empowered to ~~make~~ execute a deed in fee simple to the State of said ~~ground~~ property, to

have and hold the same solely and exclusively for the uses & purposes

aforesaid —

2. Resolved § That the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated, as an additional contribution, ^{to aid in constructing State buildings,} in the event of the passage of such act, for which the Comptroller shall draw his warrants on the treasurer in favor of the State of Illinois or such commissioners or agents as the State shall appoint to receive the same, payable out of funds to be derived from the sale of bonds of the city drawing ^{interest at the rate of} ~~interest at the rate of~~ ^{seven per cent per annum payable} semi annually and the principal at the end of twenty five years, in New York - And we hereby ask of the General Assembly ~~a grant of~~ to authorise the City to issue said bonds in the event of the passage of said act —

3. Resolved. That these proceedings be signed by the Mayor and certified by the City Clerk, and laid before the General Assembly