

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 79

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT Authorizing Cities and Towns to Erect Military and
Naval Memorial Buildings and Providing for State Aid
Therefor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the restrictions and conditions here-
2 inafter set forth in this act, cities and towns are hereby
3 authorized to erect and maintain military and naval memo-
4 rial buildings within their respective limits.

Sect. 2. Any city that shall determine by its city govern-
2 ment and any town that shall vote at a legal meeting there-
3 of to erect a military and naval memorial building, and
4 shall raise therefor by taxation or otherwise a sum not less

5 than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and not less than
6 three dollars (\$3.00) per capita for each of its inhabitants
7 according to the next preceding census shall submit the
8 plans therefor to the governor and council for their ap-
9 proval. Upon the approval of said plans by the governor
10 and council, said city or town shall be entitled to state aid
11 therefor as provided in the following section. Nothing in
12 this section shall be interpreted as requiring any city or
13 town to raise a sum in excess of seventy-five thousand dol-
14 lars (\$75,000.00) to entitle it to state aid.

Sect. 3. Upon the receipt of plans of any military and
2 naval memorial building from any city or town, together
3 with satisfactory evidence of its compliance with the pro-
4 visions of the preceding section, the governor and council
5 shall proceed to approve or reject said plans, or return the
6 same to said city or town with their recommendations for
7 modification, to the end that said plans may be again sub-
8 mitted to them for approval. Upon the approval of said
9 plans by the governor and council said city or town shall
10 be entitled to receive from the state of Maine a sum equal
11 to one-half the amount that it has raised for said purpose,
12 provided however that no city or town shall receive from
13 the state more than two dollars (\$2.00) per capita of its
14 population according to the next preceding census, nor shall
15 any city or town receive from the state more than fifty
16 thousand dollars (\$50,000). Said state aid shall be paid
17 to said city or town as soon as satisfactory evidence of the

18 letting of a bona fide contract for the erection of said build-
19 ing has been submitted to the governor and council and
20 the bond of the contractor to whom the contract for its
21 erection has been awarded has been approved by them.

Sect. 4. Any city or town erecting a building under the
2 provisions of this act shall maintain the same without aid
3 from the state therefor, provided however that nothing in
4 this section shall prevent any city or town from receiving
5 any sum allowed to cities and towns under the general laws
6 of the state for any purpose served by said building.

Sect. 5. For the purposes of this act there is hereby ap-
2 propriated for the year 1919 the sum of five hundred thou-
3 sand dollars (\$500,000) and for the year 1920 two hundred
4 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), said sums to be held by
5 the state treasurer as a separate fund and if by July first,
6 1921, contractors' bonds have not been approved for con-
7 tracts to the full amount of said appropriations the balance
8 over and above that required for state aid on said contracts
9 shall be used by the state to retire state bonds issued for
10 war purposes under the resolve passed by the legislature
11 of 1917.

Sect. 6. The governor and council are hereby authorized
2 to employ an architect and engineer to assist them in pass-
3 ing upon the plans of said buildings and to pay them for
4 their services out of the funds appropriated by this act.

Sect. 7. The word town or towns as used in this act shall
2 be held to include plantations.