

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 240

In Senate, March 21, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Gannett from Committee on Military Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Gannett of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable Towns or Cities to Procure State Aid in
the Construction of Armories.

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

Section 1. Any city or town may procure state aid for
2 the construction of an armory within its limits upon com-
3 pliance with the following terms and conditions:

(a) The municipal officers of any city or town having
2 one or more organizations of the National Guard or Naval
3 Militia located therein or who desire to form such organiza-
4 tions within its limits may notify the Armory Commission
5 in writing of their desire and intention to erect an armory
6 and shall designate and furnish a plot of ground suitable
7 and sufficient for an armory.

(b) If the Armory Commission shall decide that the location is suitable for an armory and that the locality is such that a military or naval organization can be formed and maintained within its limits in accordance with the requirements of the military law and the regulations of the War Department, the Armory Commission shall so notify the municipal officers of the town or city, and the Armory Commission shall, after the city or town has acquired good and sufficient title to such plot of ground, furnish to the city or town plans and specifications for an armory adapted to the locality. The municipal officers shall, under the supervision and subject to the approval of the Armory Commission, let contracts for the construction of the armory in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by the Armory Commission.

(c) The municipal officers of the town or city shall at all times keep the Armory Commission fully advised as to the condition of the work and degree of progress toward the armory, and shall furnish the Armory Commission every opportunity for inspection and investigation which the Armory Commission shall require, and shall make any alterations in the plans or specifications which the Armory Commission may request.

(d) The inspector to certify the progress, performance and completion of the contracts in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Armory Commission shall

4 be selected by the municipal officers of the city or town
5 and approved by the Armory Commission.

Sect. 2. Any city or town constructing an armory in com-
2 pliance with terms of this act shall be reimbursed by the
3 state, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise ap-
4 propriated, to an amount equal to three-fourths of the
5 cost of constructing such armory building. But the re-
6 imbursement aforesaid is not to exceed a total of seventy-
7 five thousand dollars to any one city or town, and shall
8 be made in installments in the following manner and
9 amounts: When and as each payment falls due and is
10 payable from the city or town for work performed and
11 material furnished in accordance with the contract provided
12 for in the preceding section, such city or town shall be en-
13 titled to receive from the state treasury a sum equal to
14 three-fourths of such installment then due and payable
15 from the city or town to the contractor; provided, how-
16 ever, that the Armory Commission shall have certified in
17 writing to the state treasurer that such installment is justly
18 due and payable from the city or town for work performed
19 and material furnished in conformity to the aforesaid con-
20 tract; provided also that the city or town shall have de-
21 posited with the state treasurer a recorded deed convey-
22 ing to the state a good and sufficient title to the armory lot
23 and building; and provided further that not more than
24 three such armories shall be erected during the two-year
25 term of any legislature.