

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 118

H. D. No. 27

House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lessard of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Armory of the City of Lewiston, and Fixing the Rental Thereof.

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

Section fifty-two of chapter one hundred and seventy-four
2 of the Public Laws of 1923 is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "rental" in the fifteenth line thereof, the
4 words,

'Provided, however, that the rental to be paid by the state
2 to the city of Lewiston for the use of the Lewiston armory
3 shall be the sum of five thousand dollars per year.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 52. *Armories, Stables and Target Ranges.* It shall
2 be the duty of the municipal officers to provide and main-
3 tain for each platoon or company of the national guard or
4 naval militia located within the limits of their respective
5 towns, suitable drill rooms, offices, armory, stables, or place
6 of deposit of all military property, and for the headquarters
7 of each separate battalion, corps, regiment or brigade estab-
8 lished within such municipal limits, suitable headquarters
9 offices; and the suitability for the necessary military pur-
10 poses of such drill rooms, armories, headquarters offices or
11 stables shall be determined by the armory commission. A
12 reasonable compensation shall be fixed by the armory com-
13 mission, after hearing and consulting with the responsible
14 municipal officers, for each company, other organization,
15 band of separate headquarters or stables, and shall be al-
16 lowed as rent for such building or buildings to the munici-
17 pality providing and maintaining them, and paid by the
18 state out of the appropriation for armory rental. Provided,
19 however, that the rental to be paid by the state to the city
20 of Lewiston for the use of the Lewiston armory shall be
21 the sum of five thousand dollars per year. To carry out the
22 provisions of this section there shall be appropriated bienni-
23 ally such sums as are deemed necessary, said sums to be
24 known as the armory fund, payment to be made therefrom
25 by the treasurer of the state upon vouchers manifested by
26 the armory commission to the state auditor. All armories,
27 drill rooms, offices, headquarters offices or stables shall be

28 subject always to the provisions of law and to the regula-
29 tions prescribed by the proper authorities, and said armories,
30 drill rooms, offices, headquarters offices or stables shall be
31 held for the exclusive use of the national guard unless other-
32 wise authorized by the general regulations for the govern-
33 ment of armories prescribed by the armory commission, or
34 by special authority of the chairman of said commission
35 after application in special cases by the municipal authori-
36 ties in writing. Should any municipal officer use such
37 building or stables without authority, or abuse the authority
38 or privilege so granted, they and each of them shall, in
39 each case, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished
40 as prescribed in this section. The governor is authorized
41 to accept in the name of the state donations of land and
42 buildings to be used for military purposes by the national
43 guard or naval militia under such conditions as the donors
44 may nominate; lands and buildings so donated shall be
45 subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the gov-
46 ernor; and provided further that when any building is turned
47 over to the state for use as an armory or drill shed the
48 armory commission shall be authorized to approve for pay-
49 ment from the appropriation for armory rentals such sums
50 as may be necessary for the upkeep of such building, in-
51 cluding repairs, furnishings, light, heat, water and janitor
52 service.'