

Chap. 57. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE WAR VETERANS CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC. FOR USE AS POST HEAD-QUARTERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 9 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 626 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — A city or town may, for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for such post or posts of any veterans' organization incorporated or chartered by the congress of the United States, as have been in operation for at least three years, or for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, or for a post of the Polish-American Veterans, Inc., of the Lithuanian War Veterans Organization, Inc., of the American Veterans of World War II, AMVETS, of the Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, of the Armenian American Veterans Association, Inc., of the War Veterans Civic Association of Massachusetts, Inc., or for a barracks of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., lease for a period not exceeding five years buildings or parts of buildings which shall be under the direction and control of such post, camp or barracks subject to regulations made in cities by the mayor with the approval of the council and in towns by vote of the town, and for said purposes a town with a valuation of less than five million dollars may annually appropriate not more than two thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of five million dollars but not more than twenty-five million dollars may annually appropriate not more than three thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more than twenty-five million dollars but not more than fifty million dollars may annually appropriate not more than four thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more than fifty million dollars but not more than seventy-five million dollars may annually appropriate not more than five thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more than seventy-five million dollars but not more than one hundred million dollars may annually appropriate not more than six thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more than one hundred million dollars but not more than one hundred and twenty-five million dollars may annually appropriate not more than seven thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more than one hundred and twenty-five million dollars but not more than one hundred and fifty million dollars may annually appropriate not more than ten thousand dollars; and a town with a valuation of more than one hundred and fifty million dollars may annually appropriate ten thousand dollars, and in addition three thousand dollars for each additional one hundred and fifty million dollars of valuation, or major fraction thereof. *Approved February 9, 1961.*

Chap. 58. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOSIAH B. THOMAS HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF PEABODY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 241 of the acts of 1931 is hereby amended by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following sec-

tion: — *Section 3.* There shall be a board of trustees of said hospital consisting of fifteen members to be appointed by the mayor of said city, subject to the approval of the city council, for terms of five years. The mayor shall, in like manner, fill any vacancy for an unexpired term. Said board shall have the entire management and control of the said hospital, its staff, personnel and employees.

SECTION 2. Of the additional members first appointed to the board of trustees of the Josiah B. Thomas Hospital under the provisions of this act, one shall be appointed for a term of five years, three for terms of four years, three for three years and three for two years. The present members of said board of trustees shall continue to serve until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by vote of the city council of the city of Peabody, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

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Chap. 59. AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME DURING WHICH THE COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE MAY BORROW FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEA WALLS OR OTHER FORMS OF SHORE PROTECTION FOR TOWNS IN SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The county of Barnstable is hereby authorized to contribute to the cost of constructing sea walls or other works, to be built by the state department of public works during the years nineteen hundred and sixty-one, nineteen hundred and sixty-two and nineteen hundred and sixty-three under authority of section eleven of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws, for the protection of the shores of the towns in said county from erosion by the sea, and the county treasurer, with the approval of the county commissioners, may pay the county's proportion of such cost from the highway appropriation for the year during which the agreement to make such payment is entered into or, for the purpose of so contributing, may borrow from time to time on the credit of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Barnstable County Shore Protection Loan, Act of 1961. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in not more than five years from their dates. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell such securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

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