

HOUSE No. 203

Accompanying the petition of the Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that cities and towns be authorized to provide quarters for local posts of said organization. Military Affairs. January 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT

Authorizing Cities and Towns to provide Headquarters for Local Posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section nine of chapter forty of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter eighty of the acts of nineteen hun-
3 dred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the word "Legion" in the third line the
5 words:— and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
6 United States,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 9.*
7 A city or town may for the purpose of providing suitable
8 headquarters for a post or posts of the American Legion,
9 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States,
10 lease for a period not exceeding five years buildings or
11 parts of buildings which shall be under the direction and

12 control of such post, subject to regulations made in cities
13 by the mayor with the approval of the council and in
14 towns by vote of the town, and for this purpose a town
15 with a valuation of less than five million dollars may
16 annually appropriate not more than one thousand dol-
17 lars; a town with a valuation of five million dollars but
18 not more than twenty million dollars may annually ap-
19 propriate not more than fifteen hundred dollars; a town
20 with a valuation of twenty million dollars but not more
21 than seventy-five million dollars may annually appro-
22 priate not more than two thousand dollars; a town with
23 a valuation of seventy-five million dollars but not more
24 than one hundred fifty million dollars may annually
25 appropriate not more than twenty-five hundred dollars;
26 and a town with a valuation of one hundred fifty million
27 dollars or more may annually appropriate twenty-five
28 hundred dollars for each one hundred fifty million dollars
29 of valuation, or fraction thereof. The city council of a
30 city may, by a two-thirds vote, appropriate money for
31 armories for the use of the state militia, for the celebra-
32 tion of holidays, for the purpose of providing or defraying
33 the expenses of suitable quarters for posts of the Grand
34 Army of the Republic, including the heating and lighting
35 of such quarters, and for other like public purposes to
36 an amount not exceeding in any one year one fiftieth
37 of one per cent of its valuation for such year.