

HOUSE No. 701

By Mr. Cahill of Braintree (by request), petition of George Edward Dorman that cities and towns be authorized to lease buildings for providing suitable headquarters for posts of The American Legion. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to allowing a City or Town, for the Purpose of providing Suitable Headquarters for a Post of the American Legion, to lease for a Period not to exceed Ninety-Nine Years a Building or Part of a Building.

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
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word
3 "five" in line three of said section and inserting
4 therefor the words:—ninety-nine,—so that the
5 section will read as follows:— A city or town may,
6 for the purpose of providing a suitable headquar-
7 ters for a post of the American Legion, lease for a
8 period not exceeding ninety-nine years a building
9 or part of a building which shall be under the direc-
10 tion and control of such post, subject to regula-
11 tions made in cities by the mayor with the approval
12 of the council and in towns by vote of the town, and

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

