

paid into city treasury, etc.

commission shall annually, or oftener if requested by the mayor and the city council of the city, file with the mayor and the city council an itemized and detailed statement of all revenue received from and all expenditures made on account of said field and the buildings and structures thereon.

Certain persons eligible for appointment as members of commission, etc.

SECTION 5. Members of the playground commission of the city or of any board or department that shall have charge of parks or playgrounds, shall be eligible for appointment as members of the commission hereby created; and the city may hereafter give said last mentioned commission jurisdiction over other playgrounds and recreation centers to exercise powers conferred on the city by present or future laws relating to playgrounds.

Effective upon acceptance by vote of city council, etc.

SECTION 6. This act shall take full effect immediately upon its acceptance during the current year by vote of the city council of said city of Leominster, notwithstanding any provision of its charter to the contrary, but for the purpose of such acceptance it shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 7, 1931.

Chap. 293 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO TAKE OVER, MAINTAIN AND MANAGE AS A MEMORIAL CERTAIN PROPERTY OF E. K. WILCOX POST NO. 16, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

City of Springfield may accept in trust a conveyance of the land and building of E. K. Wilcox Post No. 16, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic.

SECTION 1. In pursuance of a vote of E. K. Wilcox Post No. 16, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, a corporation duly organized by law, passed at a special meeting held March fourteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, which vote is recorded on the books of the said corporation, William H. Waterman, president, Otto F. Fogelstrand, clerk or secretary, and the board of directors of said corporation as named in said vote, or a majority of said persons or of their successors as such officers and directors, are hereby authorized to convey in trust to the city of Springfield the land and building owned by said corporation and located on State street in said city, together with the personal property of said corporation contained therein, and said city is hereby authorized to accept the same upon the terms and conditions herein set forth and upon such others as may be agreed upon between said corporation and said city, and subject to all unpaid taxes thereon, which the assessors of said city are hereby authorized to abate; provided, that such conveyance and transfer of possession thereunder shall occur within one year after the passage of this act.

Proviso.

Building to be maintained as a memorial to civil war veterans, etc.

SECTION 2. The said city, in consideration of such conveyance and acceptance, shall maintain said building, under the name of the Grand Army Hall, as a memorial to the men of Springfield who served in the army or navy of the United

States in the civil war, and shall keep the building in good repair and properly equipped, heated and lighted. So long as the E. K. Wilcox Post No. 16, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, an unincorporated association, shall continue in existence, it shall enjoy, free of rent, the use, occupancy and benefits of said building in its present condition to the same extent and in the same manner as it now uses and occupies said building. In the event of the complete or partial destruction of said building by fire or other unavoidable casualty, or if, in the opinion of the mayor and city council of said city, said building, after said unincorporated association has ceased to exist, should become unsuitable by reason of location or otherwise for the purposes to which it is now devoted, or to which it is to be devoted, said city may sell said real estate, and the proceeds of such sale, and/or of any insurance policies on said property shall be converted by said city into a fund to be used for the purpose of erecting or providing a suitable memorial to perpetuate the memory of the men who fought in the civil war, and any surplus remaining after the erection or acquisition of such memorial shall be safely invested and the income therefrom shall be used for the relief of the indigent families or descendants of persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war and were honorably discharged from such service or released from active duty therein, or for other charitable, patriotic or benevolent purposes. Said city may at any time erect on the land referred to in section one a new building to take the place of the one now existing, if the same be destroyed by fire or otherwise.

In case of certain events, city may sell building, etc.

Proceeds to be converted into fund for erection of memorial to perpetuate memory of civil war veterans.
Disposition of income of surplus, etc.

SECTION 3. There shall be an unpaid board of five trustees to be appointed by the mayor of said city, with the approval of the city council thereof, to serve for terms of three years each, except that of the initial appointees one shall serve for one year, two for two years and two for three years. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A majority of the trustees shall always be descendants of men who served in the army or navy of the United States during the civil war and were honorably discharged therefrom; provided, that a sufficient number of such persons suitable so to serve can be obtained. Preference in the office of trustee shall next be given to persons who have served in the military or naval forces of the United States and were honorably discharged from such service or released from active duty therein. No person, however, shall be appointed as trustee unless he is a native born citizen of the United States, is above the age of thirty years, and has been a resident of said city for at least five consecutive years preceding his appointment. The mayor shall designate one member of the board as chairman, and the board shall elect one of its members as secretary. Any member or members of said board may be removed by the mayor for cause. Said board of trustees shall have the charge and care of the property referred to in section one

Board of trustees, appointment, terms.

Vacancies. Majority of trustees to be descendants of men who served in civil war.

Proviso.

Qualifications of trustees.

Chairman and secretary of board.

Board to have charge and care of property, etc.

and of the maintenance of any building thereon, and, subject to the approval of the mayor and city council, may at any time, subject to any existing lease, devote the whole or any part of said building to the purposes as set forth in this act; shall make all necessary rules and regulations relative thereto; shall appoint a custodian therefor, who shall be exempt from the civil service laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, and other necessary officers or employees for the care of said building; shall fix their compensation, and may at any time remove them; shall fix and receive any rentals to be derived from the use of any part of the present or of any future building under its control; shall devote the proceeds of such rentals to the maintenance of such building; and shall use any surplus for the relief of the indigent families or descendants of persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war and were honorably discharged from such service or released from active duty therein, or for other charitable, patriotic or benevolent purposes.

Custodian, etc.

Rentals, disposition of proceeds, etc.

Surplus, how used.

When act takes effect.

SECTION 4. So much of this act as authorizes the conveyance of the property described in section one to said city of Springfield and its acceptance by said city shall take effect upon its passage, and the remainder thereof shall take effect upon such acceptance.

Approved May 7, 1931.

Chap. 294 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FRANKLIN FIELD IN THE DORCHESTER DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of constructing a municipal building on Franklin field in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, said city may borrow from time to time, within a period of five years from the passage of this act, such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, five hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Franklin Field Municipal Building Loan, Act of 1931. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid in not more than fifteen years from their dates, but no issue shall be authorized under this section unless a sum equal to an amount not less than ten per cent of such authorized issue is voted for the same purpose to be raised by the tax levy of the year when authorized. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit, but shall, except as herein provided, be subject to the laws relative to the issuance of debt by the city of Boston. The proceeds of the loan herein authorized shall be used only for the purposes herein specified. The aforesaid municipal building shall be so designed as, in the judgment of the city, to best serve the community by providing quarters for municipal departments and for veteran

City of Boston may borrow money and issue bonds for construction of a municipal building on Franklin field in Dorchester district.

Franklin Field Municipal Building Loan, Act of 1931.