
LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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1919.

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AN ACT

Providing for the erection of memorial halls at the county-seats in the different counties of Pennsylvania authorizing and directing the county commissioners of such counties upon petition of at least fifty citizens approved by two successive grand juries and the court of quarter sessions to purchase a plot of ground in such county-seat and erect thereon a memorial hall in honor of the soldiers sailors and marines from such county who served in the army and navy in the war with Germany and Austria-Hungary and authorizing the levying of a tax to raise a fund to pay the purchase money of the ground and the expense of the erection of a memorial hall

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 *in any county of the Commonwealth where the petition*

1 of at least fifty citizens thereof to the court of quarter
2 sessions for the erection or completion of a monument
3 in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the war with
4 Germany and Austria-Hungary from such county has been
5 or may be laid before two successive grand juries and
6 approved by them and the said court it shall be lawful
7 for the county commissioners of such county and it shall
8 be the duty of such commissioners if approved by the
9 court of quarter sessions thereof to erect at the county-
10 seat a memorial hall as such memorial or monument and
11 for such purpose to acquire by purchase donation or
12 gift the necessary site and to erect and maintain there-
13 on a suitable and proper memorial hall or buildings in
14 memory of the soldiers sailors and marines of such war
15 and if the site so secured has a hall or buildings al-
16 ready erected thereon which can be altered and improved
17 so as to be made suitable for such memorial hall it
18 shall be lawful for such county commissioners to acquire
19 such site in manner aforesaid for the purpose of a
20 memorial hall and for the purpose of aiding in paying
21 the purchase money and price for the site and erection
22 and construction of such memorial hall voluntary donations
23 and contributions may be accepted from individuals associa-
24 tions or organizations

25 Section 2 The county commissioners of said county
26 may and are authorized hereby to levy a special tax
27 to an amount sufficient to pay for the ground purchased
28 and the erection thereon of said memorial hall within
29 the period of ten years from the erection thereof said

1 tax to be levied and collected from all taxable persons
2 and property of the county or counties thus authorizing
3 the same to pay the costs and expense of the construc-
4 tion of said Memorial Hall and the purchase money of the
5 ground on which it may be constructed which rate of tax shall
6 not exceed two mills on the property taxable for county
7 purposes in any one year which memorial hall shall be
8 and remain the property of the county so erecting the
9 same

10 Section 3 Said memorial hall shall be in honor of
11 the soldiers sailors and marines from said county who
12 served in the army or navy of the United States in
13 the war with Germany and Austria-Hungary Such halls
14 shall each contain one large assembly room or auditorium for
15 public meetings of soldiers sailors and marines of such
16 county but which may be used for other public meetings
17 such as teachers' institutes conventions or other patriotic
18 educational or religious purposes as the commissioners may
19 grant the same They shall also contain a room or rooms
20 for meetings of posts of the Grand Army of the Re-
21 public encampments of the Union Veteran Legion command-
22 eries of the Loyal Legion camps of Sons of Veterans
23 Women's Relief Corps and other kindred patriotic organiza-
24 tions They shall also contain room or places for the
25 proper display and preservation of relics and trophies of
26 all wars waged in defense of the flag of the United
27 States

1 Section 4 A suitable flagstaff shall be erected upon
2 said memorial hall from which shall be displayed the flag
3 of the United States from sunrise to sunset on every
4 day of the year