

and it shall be lawful for, and the duty of, the treasurer of any such city to pay all warrants ordered issued by the city council of any such city under the terms and provisions of this act.

Passed the Senate February 19, 1917.

Passed the House March 5, 1917.

Vetoed by the Governor March 17, 1917.

Passed over the Governor's veto January 30, 1919.

CHAPTER 9.

[H. B. 122.]

VETERANS' WELFARE COMMISSION.

AN ACT for the welfare of the veterans and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the war with Germany and her allies, making an appropriation and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the "Veterans' Welfare Commission", to consist of five members who shall be appointed by and removable at the pleasure of the Governor. Each commissioner shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed his necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the duties created by this act. The commission shall organize as soon as possible after their appointment and select one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and may employ such persons as necessary to assist them in their work, and expend such of the funds appropriated by this act as they may deem necessary for such purposes.

Appointment
of members.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the "Veterans' Welfare Commission" to disburse the funds appro-

Powers of
commission.

riated by this act or any subsequent appropriation made for such purposes for the welfare of the veterans and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States in the war with Germany and her allies, preference being given to those veterans who at the time of their enlistment or induction were *bona fide* residents of this state. The commission may disburse such funds in such manner and for such purposes as in its judgment will best facilitate and promote the return of such veterans, soldiers, sailors and marines to civil life, and to that end may establish employment agencies to furnish employment, provide for institutions of any sort for aid of such persons, make grants or loans, or expend such funds in any manner whatsoever for such persons, and the enumeration of specific purposes shall not be construed to exclude other purposes but the manner in which such funds shall be expended shall be entirely in the discretion of the commission.

Public
officers to
aid com-
mission.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of all state, county, and municipal officers to render such aid to the Veterans' Welfare Commission as shall be within their power and consistent with the duties of their respective offices.

Audit of
expenditures.

SEC. 4. The Veterans' Welfare Commission shall keep proper records of all expenditures which shall be audited by the bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices.

Appropriation,
\$500,000.00.

SEC. 5. For carrying out the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

Emergency.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, for the support of the state government, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House January 31, 1919.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1919.

Approved by the Governor February 1, 1919.