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Am. H. B. No. 297

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То	amend section 307.66 of the Revised Code to	1
	increase the amount a county may provide to	2
	military and veterans organizations, and civic	3
	organizations, for Memorial Day expenses.	4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 307.66 of the Revised Code be	5	
amended to read as follows:	6	
Sec. 307.66. The board of county commissioners, annually,	7	
shall appropriate, and advance upon application made no more	8	
than one hundred twenty days prior to memorial day, to each	9	
garrison or naval branch of the Army and Navy Union, U.S.A. and	10	
to each chartered post, garrison, or naval branch of any	11	
organization of veterans recognized and chartered by the		
congress, upon request of their officials, in the county, a sum		
of money not to exceed <u>five hundred</u> one thousand dollars to aid		
in defraying the expenses of memorial day.	15	
Each such organization applying for an advance of funds	16	
shall submit with its application a statement of expenses	17	
incurred up to the time the application for an advance is		
submitted. Each such organization receiving money from this	19	

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appropriation shall file a sworn statement accounting for the 20 complete expenditures of the funds with the board within sixty 21 days after the memorial day for which the funds were provided. 22 Any unexpended funds shall be returned to the board of county 23 commissioners within this period. Any organization failing to 2.4 file a sworn statement within the prescribed time accounting for 2.5 the complete expenditure of the funds shall not be eliqible to 26 receive an appropriation the following year. Two or more 2.7 separate veterans' organizations, or two or more posts, 28 garrisons, or naval branches of one or more veterans' 29 organizations, or both, may pool their entitlements to funds and 30 submit a joint or consolidated statement of expenses. Allowable 31 items shall include expenses for arrangement of, support of, or 32 participation in, local or countywide observances as may be 33 desirable in the community; expenses for mapping, marking, and 34 decorating graves of veterans; and other items incidental to 35 these expenses. 36

The board of township trustees may, on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year, appropriate a sum to be determined by the board for each post within the township, from the general expense fund of the township, for the purpose of properly observing memorial day within the township, and if any post is located within the township, the appropriation shall be made to that post. Any municipal corporation located within a township may cooperate with the township, or with the county, in observing memorial day, and the legislative authority of the municipal corporation may make the necessary appropriation for the observance.

If any posts have become extinct or unable to attend to memorial day services, the appropriation by the board of county commissioners or the board of township trustees shall be made to

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a post or unit of the sons of union veterans of the civil war,	51	
woman's relief corps, or daughters of veterans, or to any civic	52	
or patriotic organization willing and able to undertake and	53	
perform the work of commemoration and observance of memorial	54	
day. If the appropriation by the board of county commissioners	55	
is made to a civic organization, it shall not exceed one two	56	
hundred dollars.	57	
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Code is hereby repealed.	59	