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Senators Schaffer, Johnson

To 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 12
congress, upon request of their officials, in the county, a sum 13

of money not to exceed ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars to aid 14
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 18
submitted. Each such organization receiving money from this 19
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 24
file a sworn statement within the prescribed time accounting for 25
the complete expenditure of the funds shall not be eligible to 26
receive an appropriation the following year. Two or more 27
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 37
fifteenth day of May in each year, appropriate a sum to be 38
determined by the board for each post within the township, from 39
the general expense fund of the township, for the purpose of 40
properly observing memorial day within the township, and if any 41
post is located within the township, the appropriation shall be 42
made to that post. Any municipal corporation located within a 43
township may cooperate with the township, or with the county, in 44

observing memorial day, and the legislative authority of the 45
municipal corporation may make the necessary appropriation for 46
the observance. 47

If any posts have become extinct or unable to attend to 48
memorial day services, the appropriation by the board of county 49
commissioners or the board of township trustees shall be made to 50
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

Section 2. That existing section 307.66 of the Revised 58
Code is hereby repealed. 59