



**Am. H.B. 123\***

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(As Reported by S. State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Increases from \$300 to \$500 the maximum amount a county can appropriate to a veterans' organization to aid in defraying its Memorial Day expenses.
- Increases the application period for such an amount from 30 days before Memorial Day to 120 days before the holiday.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Under current law, certain local chapters of veterans' organizations can apply to the county in which they are located for amounts of money up to \$300 to help defray their Memorial Day expenses. The application period begins 30 days before the holiday. A board of county commissioners must appropriate the funds necessary to pay those amounts to the eligible organizations. (Sec. 307.66.)

Eligible organizations can use the money for Memorial Day expenses including the arrangement of, support of, or participation in local or countywide

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\* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate State and Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

observances, and the mapping, marking, and decorating of veterans' graves. Any amounts not expended must be repaid to the county. (Sec. 307.66.)

The bill increases to \$500 the maximum amount of money that may be appropriated to each eligible organization. In addition, it lengthens the application period, so that eligible organizations can begin filing applications 120 days before Memorial Day. (Sec. 307.66.)

The bill also eliminates obsolete references in the law to veterans of the Spanish American War and to chartered "camps" of veterans' organizations (sec. 307.66).

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## HISTORY

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