

**VETERANS' HEADQUARTERS**  
**Act 8 of 1897**

AN ACT to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building as the Michigan veterans' headquarters, to designate the purpose for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander.

**History:** 1897, Act 8, Imd. Eff. Feb. 11, 1897;—Am. 1947, Act 213, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**35.231 Michigan veterans' headquarters; custodian, appointment; records, access; Grand Army of the Republic commemoration plaque.**

Sec. 1. The board of state auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room in the capitol at Lansing, as the Michigan veterans' headquarters to be located in the present headquarters room of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the capitol. The room shall be under the charge of a custodian, who shall be a veteran of World War I or World War II, appointed by the governor, on the recommendation of the several veterans organizations composed of veterans of World War I or World War II, or both, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of veterans of World War I or World War II, and conducting the general office business. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the custodian, to persons engaged in collecting historical information.

There shall be placed by the superintendent of the capitol either within or in the vicinity of the veterans' headquarters a suitable plaque commemorating the room in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, to which shall be attached the pictures of all the past commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the charter of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the picture of R. A. Alger.

**History:** 1897, Act 8, Imd. Eff. Feb. 11, 1897;—CL 1897, 1687;—CL 1915, 1036;—CL 1929, 889;—Am. 1947, Act 213, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 35.231.

**35.232 Veterans' headquarters custodian; compensation, expenses, annual report; Michigan historical commission, preservation of records.**

Sec. 2. The custodian of the Michigan veterans' headquarters shall receive such compensation as shall be appropriated by the legislature, and he is hereby authorized to incur such expense as shall be necessary, within the appropriation made therefor by the legislature. Annually on or before the first day of July of each year, the custodian shall make a report to the governor of the activities of the Michigan veterans' headquarters during the preceding year.

All the records, files and documents of the department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall be turned over to the Michigan historical commission, on the effective date of this act, and shall be preserved by the Michigan historical commission.

**History:** 1897, Act 8, Imd. Eff. Feb. 11, 1897;—CL 1897, 1688;—Am. 1911, Act 159, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1037;—CL 1929, 890;—Am. 1947, Act 213, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 35.232.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of department of history, arts, and libraries regarding state archives program to department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.