

priation, does not mean that these commissioners had all the powers with respect to the fund and the receiving and approving of claims to be paid from the fund that they had with respect to the original fund.

The legislature did endow the commissioners with powers that they had possessed with reference to the original fund but limited these powers by the provision, "except as otherwise provided herein." Further and different provisions are made therein with reference to the fixing of the time within which claims might be filed, than were provided with reference to those made in the Constitution, and it is my opinion that it was within the power of the legislature, so far as this particular appropriation is concerned, to fix the time within which claims to be paid from this particular appropriation might be filed and paid.

The Constitution, in Section 2a, Article VIII, deals entirely with the fund created by the sale of bonds therein authorized to be issued, and the limitation and restrictions contained in said constitutional provision apply only to that particular fund. The Constitution makes no references whatever to future appropriations that might be made by the legislature for the same or a similar purpose as that for which "The World War Compensation Fund" was created. There is no language in this constitutional provision which may be construed to limit or in any wise control future appropriations made for the payment of compensation to World War Veterans.

No moneys may be paid from the state treasury except in pursuance of a specific appropriation for that purpose. (Article II, Section 22, Constitution of Ohio.) The sole power to make appropriations of these funds is vested in the General Assembly. By virtue of this power of appropriation the General Assembly exercised its discretion in determining not only what claims shall be paid but the circumstances under which the claims may be paid and the manner of paying them. This clearly includes the power to place such limitations and restrictions on the disbursement of the funds included with any specific appropriation as the legislature may, in its discretion, see fit to make. *State vs. Medbery*, 7 O. S. 522.

I am therefore of the opinion that the legislature, in making a specific appropriation for the payment of compensation to World War Veterans, may place such restrictions and limitations on the expenditure of the funds so appropriated, with respect to the manner of receiving, approving and paying claims for such compensation, as it may, in its discretion, see fit to make.

Respectfully,

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APPROVAL, NOTES OF CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
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COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 28, 1933.

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