

SENATE No. 128

To accompany the petition of George W. McCarthy for legislation to increase the curriculum of the University of Massachusetts, to establish a new board of trustees and to provide free tuition to citizens of the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE CURRICULUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF THE STATE WITH ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR A BOND ISSUE AND FREE TUITION.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat one of its principal purposes, which is
3 to provide immediately for increased educational
4 facilities for the veterans of World War II, therefore
5 it is hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary
6 for the immediate preservation of the public conven-
7 ience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 2, as amended,
3 and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 2.* The trustees shall establish a college of
5 agriculture and other relative subjects, a college of
6 liberal arts, a college of science, a college of engineering,
7 a college of business administration, a college of social
8 science and courses in military tactics. All courses,
9 colleges and schools shall be located and take place
10 at the present location of the state college with the
11 exceptions of a medical and dental school and schools
12 directly related thereto, which shall be located in the
13 city of Springfield and the branch now located at
14 Fort Devens.

15 A medical school and dental school shall be estab-
16 lished in Springfield. The trustees may establish
17 other schools directly related to the said medical and
18 dental schools in Springfield. The trustees may es-
19 tablish any schools, courses, colleges, professional
20 schools or graduate schools which will benefit the
21 welfare of the citizens of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 15 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 20, as appear-
3 ing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 20.* There shall be a board of trustees of the
6 University of Massachusetts, consisting of the gov-
7 ernor, ex officio, and fourteen members to be appointed
8 by the governor and council. An appointed trustee
9 shall have been a registered voter in the county that
10 he is appointed to represent for two years preceding
11 his appointment. Upon the removal of his legal
12 domicile from the county he has been appointed to
13 represent the office shall be vacant. Not more than
14 one appointed trustee shall be from the same county.
15 Four trustees shall be appointed for two years, five
16 trustees for four years, five trustees for six years.

17 Upon the expiration of these terms of office, all
18 trustees shall be appointed for a term of six years.
19 The trustees shall have full charge and control of the
20 University of Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in
2 carrying out the provisions of this act the state treas-
3 urer shall, upon request of the governor and council
4 and not later than _____, in the current
5 year, issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of
6 the commonwealth, registered or with interest coupons
7 attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be
8 specified by the governor and council from time to
9 time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of
10 twenty million dollars. All bonds issued by the com-
11 monwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their
12 face, University of Massachusetts Loan, Act of 1949,
13 and shall be on the serial payment plan for such
14 maximum term of years, not exceeding ten years, as
15 the governor may recommend to the general court
16 pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII, of the Amend-
17 ments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the
18 maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amounts
19 payable in the several years other than the final year
20 shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state
21 treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds
22 shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate as the
23 state treasurer, with the approval of the governor,
24 shall fix, but such bonds shall be payable not earlier
25 than _____ first, nineteen hundred and fifty,
26 nor later than _____ thirtieth, nineteen hun-
27 dred and sixty.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 75 is hereby further amended
2 by inserting therein the following section: —

3 *Section 2A.* There shall be no charge for tuition,
4 books or laboratory fees at the University of Massa-
5 chusetts for those attending undergraduate schools at
6 the said university who are citizens of Massachusetts
7 for three years prior to their admittance to the said
8 university. Citizens who are eligible at the time of
9 their attendance for educational benefits, under the
10 federal government are not included under this
11 provision.