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At the request of Mr. Estabrook of Fitchburg, the petition of Henry A. Estabrook for establishment in the Department of Education of a board of supervisors of educational degrees, was taken from the files of the preceding year. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

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An Act to establish in the Department of Education a Board of Supervisors of Educational Degrees.

*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. There is hereby established a board of  
2 supervisors of educational degrees to serve in the  
3 department of education, consisting of five members,  
4 one of whom shall be the commissioner of education.  
5 The other four members shall be appointed by the  
6 governor with the advice and consent of the council,  
7 one to serve for the term of one year, one for the term  
8 of two years, one for the term of three years and one  
9 for the term of four years, and thereafter one member  
10 shall annually be appointed for the term of four years.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter fifteen of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by adding after section eighteen the  
3 following new sections:—

4    *Section 18A.* There shall be a board of supervisors  
5 of educational degrees to be appointed by the gover-  
6 nor, with the advice and consent of the council, and  
7 to consist of five members, citizens of the common-  
8 wealth. The commissioner of education shall be a  
9 member of the board. The other four members shall  
10 be appointed by the governor, with the advice and  
11 consent of the council, for the term of four years each.  
12 The governor may also, with like advice and consent,  
13 fill any vacancy in the board for the unexpired por-  
14 tion of the term.

15    *Section 18B.* The board shall have authority to  
16 inspect all chartered and public institutions of edu-  
17 cation holding authority under the commonwealth  
18 to confer educational degrees, and shall have author-  
19 ity to create, and from time to time to change stand-  
20 ards for issuing permits to confer degrees, which  
21 standard shall not fall below the present recognized  
22 standard.

23    *Section 18C.* The board, upon finding that the  
24 course of study provided for by any educational insti-  
25 tution, is below the standard fixed by the board,  
26 shall notify the institution of such fact and allow  
27 them a period of one school year to raise such stand-  
28 ard. Upon the neglect or failure of such institution  
29 so to do, the board shall recommend to the legislature  
30 that said institution be deprived of its power to grant  
31 further degrees.