

HOUSE No. 1356

By Mr. Ryan of Somerville, petition of G. Edward Bradley relative to qualifying the authority of school committees to appropriate money. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT QUALIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES TO APPROPRIATE MONEY.

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

1 Chapter seventy-one, section thirty-four of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
3 following sentence at the end of the section:—
4 No appropriation shall be deemed necessary for the
5 support of public schools unless the appropriations
6 have been certified as necessary for the support of
7 public schools by a committee composed of the
8 superintendent of schools, the mayor or board of
9 selectmen, and the city or town auditor, — so that
10 said section will read as follows:— *Section 34.* Cities
11 or town shall raise by taxation money necessary for
12 the support of public schools as required by this chap-
13 ter. For refusal or neglect so to do a city or town shall
14 forfeit to the county an amount equal to twice the

15 highest sum ever before voted for the support of the
16 schools in the city or town, or for refusal or neglect to
17 choose a school committee or to comply for one year
18 with section sixty-eight, it shall forfeit not less than
19 five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.
20 Three fourths of any forfeiture so recovered shall be
21 paid by the county treasurer to the school committee,
22 if any, otherwise to the selectmen of the delinquent
23 city or town, who shall expend it for the support of the
24 schools thereof as if regularly appropriated by the
25 town therefor. No appropriation shall be deemed
26 necessary for the support of public schools unless the
27 appropriations have been certified as necessary for
28 the support of public schools by a committee com-
29 posed of the superintendent of schools, the mayor or
30 board of selectmen, and the city or town auditor.