

SENATE No. 469

Mr. Fisher moves that this bill be substituted by amendment for the House Bill printed as Senate, No. 207.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To limit the Powers of School Committees in restraining or discharging Teachers in the Exercise of Certain Rights.

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. Section thirty-one of chapter forty-
2 two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by add-
3 ing at the end thereof the following: *provided, how-*
4 *ever,* that no school committee shall by rule, regula-
5 tion or otherwise restrict any teacher in, or dismiss
6 him for exercising his right of suffrage, including
7 the signing and circulation of nomination papers,
8 the petitioning or appearing before the legislature;
9 but nothing herein contained shall be construed as
10 limiting the power of a school committee to so re-
11 strain any teacher or dismiss him for exercising

12 any of the aforesaid rights, suffrage excepted, on
13 school premises, during school hours or when the
14 exercise thereof actually interferes with the per-
15 formance of school duties, — so as to read as fol-
16 lows: — *Section 31.* The school committee may dis-
17 miss any teacher from employment, and he shall
18 receive no compensation for services rendered after
19 such dismissal: *provided, however,* that no school
20 committee shall by rule, regulation or otherwise re-
21 strict any teacher in, or dismiss him for exercising
22 his right of suffrage, including the signing and cir-
23 culation of nomination papers, the petitioning or
24 appearing before the legislature; but nothing herein
25 contained shall be construed as limiting the power
26 of a school committee to so restrain any teacher
27 or dismiss him for exercising any of the aforesaid
28 rights, suffrage excepted, on school premises, dur-
29 ing school hours or when the exercise thereof actu-
30 ally interferes with the performance of school
31 duties.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.