

SENATE . . . . No. 591

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, JUNE 9, 1919.

The committee on Education, to which was referred the report of the Special Recess Commission on Education (Senate, No. 330) reports (in part, see Senate, No. 349), the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 591).

For the committee,

GEORGE B. CHURCHILL.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Certification of Public School Teachers.

*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. After July first, nineteen hun-  
2 dred and twenty, no person shall be eligible to  
3 teach in a public school in any city or town in  
4 the commonwealth who does not hold a certificate  
5 issued in accordance with section three of this  
6 act.

1 SECTION 2. There shall be within the state  
2 department of education a teachers' certification  
3 board, which shall be empowered to carry out  
4 the provisions of this act. The teachers' cer-  
5 tification board shall consist of five members,  
6 who shall include the commissioner of education,  
7 who shall be ex-officio chairman of the said  
8 board, the other four members of which shall be  
9 a superintendent of schools chosen by the Massa-  
10 chusetts superintendents' association to serve

11 three years, a principal of a normal school  
12 chosen by the normal school principals, who  
13 shall serve four years, and two public day school  
14 teachers, one of whom shall be chosen by the  
15 Massachusetts teachers' association to serve one  
16 year, and one by the Massachusetts teachers'  
17 federation, to serve two years. As the term of  
18 each member expires, his successor shall be  
19 chosen in the manner herein provided for a  
20 term of four years, and vacancies shall be filled  
21 for the unexpired term in like manner. The  
22 elections to said board shall be made prior to  
23 December first, nineteen hundred and nineteen,  
24 and the terms of office shall begin on that date.  
25 The members of said board shall be allowed their  
26 necessary expenses for travel in connection with  
27 attendance on its meetings.

1 SECTION 3. The teachers' certification board  
2 shall define the conditions under which said cer-  
3 tificates shall be granted and held, and shall grant  
4 certificates to candidates found qualified by  
5 examination or otherwise; but any person who  
6 shall have served as teacher for a continuous  
7 period of not less than six months, immediately  
8 preceding May first, nineteen hundred and  
9 twenty, in the public schools of the common-  
10 wealth, and any person who has been or shall  
11 hereafter be granted a diploma of graduation  
12 from a Massachusetts state normal school or  
13 the Boston normal school shall be entitled to  
14 certification as a teacher under this act: *provided,*

15 *further*, that the school committee of any city or  
16 town may require, as condition of service in the  
17 public schools of such city or town, such quali-  
18 fications as it may deem desirable, in addition  
19 to those required for certification by the com-  
20 missioner of education.

1 SECTION 4. The teachers' certification board  
2 shall grant state teachers' certificates to any  
3 persons whom a duly qualified board of examiners,  
4 appointed by the school committee of any city  
5 or town, shall approve for service in the schools  
6 of said city or town: *provided*, that the standards  
7 for such approval are, in the judgment of the  
8 teachers' certification board, equal at least to  
9 those established for state certification by the  
10 said board.

1 SECTION 5. The teachers' certification board  
2 shall have authority to revoke for cause any cer-  
3 tificate granted under the provisions of this act,  
4 but no certificate shall be thus revoked until due  
5 notice of the intention of revoke has been given  
6 and, if requested by the teacher, a hearing shall  
7 have been held.

1 SECTION 6. Chapter three hundred and seventy-  
2 five of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven,  
3 and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith,  
4 are hereby repealed.