

By Mr. Voke of Chelsea, petition of Alfred R. Voke that cities and towns be required to send separate real estate tax bills, one designating school costs and the other designating general costs. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES AND TOWNS TO SEND SEPARATE REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS TO TAXPAYERS, ONE BILL TO COVER THAT PORTION OF THE TAX FOR SCHOOL COSTS AND THE OTHER TO COVER THE BALANCE OF SUCH TAX.

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. The first paragraph of section 23C of chapter 59
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of
3 chapter 460 of the acts of 1954, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
5 following sentence:— The assessors shall annually determine
6 the school tax rate of the town in the manner hereinafter pro-
7 vided, and shall certify the same to the collector for the sending
8 of a separate tax bill or notice for school costs in accordance with
9 the provisions of section three of chapter sixty.

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 60 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 44 of the acts of
3 1954, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sen-
4 tence and inserting in place thereof the following four sentences:
5 — Two separate tax bills or notices shall be sent for a tax on
6 real estate. One tax bill or notice shall be sent to the person
7 assessed, indicating his tax for school costs, as determined by
8 the assessors. The other tax bill or notice shall indicate the
9 general tax. The collector shall send such separate bills or
10 notices for the portion of the tax applicable to each parcel of
11 real estate separately assessed.

1 SECTION 3. Section 3A of said chapter 60, as it appears in
2 section 3 of chapter 444 of the acts of 1954, is hereby amended
3 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof
4 the following new sentence: — Every bill or notice for a personal
5 property tax shall have printed thereon in a conspicuous place
6 the school tax rate, the general tax rate, and the total tax rate
7 of the town, as determined by the assessors.