

SENATE No. 83.

To accompany the petition of John D. H. Gauss for an amendment of the law relative to the acquirement of text books by pupils in the public schools. Education.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to the Acquirement of Text Books by
Pupils in the Public Schools.

*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-six of chapter forty-
2 two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by
3 striking out in the twelfth line of said section the
4 words, "if the committee so votes," and in the
5 fifteenth line the words, "and upon application
6 to the school committee," so that the section as
7 amended shall read as follows:—

8 *Section 36.* In a city which, by vote of the
9 board of aldermen, and in a town which, by vote

10 of the inhabitants at an annual town meeting,
11 accepts the provisions of this section or has ac-
12 cepted the corresponding provisions of earlier
13 laws, the school committee shall make regulations
14 with reference to the care, custody and distribu-
15 tion of books and supplies so loaned, and may
16 provide for the continued use of any text books,
17 by such pupils throughout any grades. Such
18 pupils may, if the school committee so votes,
19 purchase from such city or town, at such time
20 and place as the school committee designates, at
21 not more than the cost price to such city or town,
22 any text books which are or are to be used by
23 them in the public schools, and pupils who com-
24 plete two years in any public school in grades
25 more advanced than the fourth grade may, upon
26 graduating from the grammar school, be per-
27 mitted to acquire the permanent ownership of
28 such three text books, used during the last year
29 of their attendance in the school, as they may
30 select.

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