

# HOUSE . . . . No. 804

Bill accompanying the petition of Mrs. George S. Ladd relative to the teaching of the practical arts in rural schools. Education. January 16.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

### AN ACT

To provide for the Teaching of the Practical Arts in the Public Schools of Small Towns.

*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 words "practical arts", as used in  
2 this act, shall mean elementary agriculture, cooking,  
3 sewing, woodworking and such other manual activities  
4 as may be approved by the state board of education.

1 SECTION 2. With the approval of the board of educa-  
2 tion, there shall be paid from the treasury of the com-  
3 monwealth, to any town having a valuation of less than  
4 one million dollars, a sum not exceeding three dollars  
5 per week for the actual time of service of each teacher  
6 employed in the public schools of said town, approved

7 by the superintendent of schools as to exceptional ability  
8 in teaching the practical arts, as well as the subjects  
9 required in the elementary schools, which sum shall be  
10 added to the salary of such teacher: *provided*, that the  
11 amount paid by the town towards the salary of such  
12 teacher shall not be less than twelve dollars per week;  
13 and *provided, also*, that the expenditures by the state  
14 under this act shall not exceed ten thousand dollars in  
15 any one year.

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1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July one, nine-  
2 teen hundred and fourteen.