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Bill accompanying the petition of Charlotte Smith relative to the taxation of bachelors. Taxation. January 16.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Taxation of Bachelors.

*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. Every male person above the age of thirty-  
2 five years in this commonwealth who is unmarried shall  
3 pay a tax of five dollars per annum to the city or town  
4 in which he resides, to be assessed in the same manner  
5 in which poll taxes are assessed, unless he can prove  
6 to the satisfaction of the assessors of the city or town  
7 in which he resides that he is not of good moral char-  
8 acter, or that he is otherwise unfit for matrimony.

1 SECTION 2. The fund so obtained shall be expended  
2 by the overseers of the poor in the several cities and  
3 towns for the support of deserving spinsters who have  
4 passed, or are believed to have passed, the marriageable  
5 age.

## The Constitution of Massachusetts

## AN ACT

to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in their annual session, 1901, at the City of Boston, on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1901.

Section 1. There shall be a State Council of Education, to be composed of seven members, to be appointed by the Governor and Council, and to have such powers and duties as may be conferred upon them by the Legislature.

Section 2. The State Council of Education shall be empowered to report to the Governor and Council, and to the Legislature, on the condition of the public schools, and to make recommendations for the improvement of the same.