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Bill accompanying the petition of the school committee of the city of Lowell relative to the expenditures of said committee. Municipal Finance. March 5.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Expenditures of the School Committee of the City of Lowell.

*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 school committee of the city of  
2 Lowell shall, during the time between the Wednesday  
3 next after the first Monday in January and the thirty-  
4 first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and  
5 fifteen and in each year thereafter, by vote of a majority  
6 of all its members, taken by yeas and nays, make appro-  
7 priations for the support and maintenance of the public  
8 schools of said city for the financial year. Such appro-  
9 priations shall be made by items specifying the purpose  
10 for which the money is to be expended. Such appropria-  
11 tions shall be included within the tax limit of said city

12 for municipal purposes as now established by law, and  
13 shall not exceed in the aggregate, for the financial year  
14 ending on the thirty-first day of December in the year  
15 nineteen hundred and fifteen, and for each financial year  
16 thereafter, the sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents  
17 on each one thousand dollars of taxable property of the  
18 city, to be estimated by taking the average amount of  
19 taxable property during the three preceding years. Any  
20 vote or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than  
21 that above specified shall be void, and said school com-  
22 mittee shall have no authority, except as herein other-  
23 wise provided, to incur any liability or make any ex-  
24 penditure in excess of such appropriations, anything in  
25 any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. The said  
26 school committee shall, in addition to the amount afore-  
27 said, have the power to expend such amounts as it may  
28 receive from tuition charges, the sale of text books, the  
29 reimbursements received from the commonwealth of Mas-  
30 sachusetts for the maintenance of industrial schools, and  
31 from other miscellaneous sources, and also any amounts  
32 received by the city of Lowell as insurance for the partial  
33 destruction of school buildings, or furnishings, or sup-  
34 plies, which last named amounts shall in all cases be ex-  
35 pended for specific repairs or restoration of the property  
36 on account of which they are received.

1 SECTION 2. During the month of January, and prior  
2 to the regular appropriation, upon vote of the school com-  
3 mittee, liabilities payable out of the regular appropria-  
4 tions may be incurred to an amount not exceeding one  
5 ninth of the total appropriation made in the preceding  
6 year. All such votes must be taken by yeas and nays.

1 SECTION 3. The school committee may from time to

2 time transfer such amounts as it may deem necessary  
3 from one item to another. The votes of the school com-  
4 mittee making appropriations or transferring money from  
5 one item to another shall have the same force and effect  
6 as orders or votes of the municipal council appropriating  
7 money. All such votes must be taken by yeas and nays  
8 and the affirmative vote of at least four fifths of all the  
9 members of the school committee shall be necessary for the  
10 passage of any such order, resolution or vote.

1 SECTION 4. The aggregate amount appropriated as  
2 hereinbefore provided shall be certified by the secretary  
3 of the school committee to the board of assessors, and  
4 shall be included by the assessors in the amount to be  
5 raised by taxation in the city for that year.

1 SECTION 5. Any balance of an appropriation so made  
2 by the school committee remaining unexpended at the close  
3 of any financial year, and not needed to carry out the  
4 requirements of any statute or special appropriation, shall  
5 be added to the amount which the committee may ap-  
6 propriate, as herein authorized, for the financial year next  
7 ensuing.

1 SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 herewith, are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters  
2 of the city of Lowell at the annual state election held in  
3 November in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen,  
4 and the form of the question to be placed upon the ballot  
5 shall be as follows:— Shall chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the acts  
6 of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, being, “ An  
7 Act relative to the expenditures of the school committee

8 of the city of Lowell", be accepted? and if a majority of  
9 the voters voting thereon shall vote in the affirmative this  
10 act shall take effect.

1 SECTION 8. So much of this act as authorizes its sub-  
2 mission to the voters of said city shall take effect upon  
3 its passage, but it shall not take further effect until ac-  
4 cepted by the voters of the city as herein provided.