

SENATE No. 172

To accompany the petition of E. G. Sullivan that county industrial, agricultural and household arts schools be established. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To authorize the Establishment and Maintenance of County Industrial, Agricultural and Household Arts 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. Upon the petition of not less than five
2 hundred residents of any county, who were qualified
3 to vote at the last preceding general election, the
4 county may, by a majority vote of its board of
5 county commissioners, authorize the establishment
6 and maintenance through a board of trustees, to
7 be known as the county board of trustees for voca-
8 tional education, of county independent industrial,
9 agricultural and household arts schools. Within
10 sixty days after such a board of trustees has been
11 so authorized for any county, the governor shall

12 appoint as members thereof three trustees residents
13 of the county, one of whom shall be appointed for
14 a period of one year, one for a period of two years,
15 and one for a period of three years, and the county
16 commissioners shall appoint as members thereof
17 three trustees residents of the county, one of whom
18 shall be appointed for a period of one year, one
19 for a period of two years, and one for a period of
20 three years. The governor shall appoint members
21 to fill the unexpired terms of any vacancies that
22 may occur upon the said board.

1 SECTION 2. The said trustees are hereby author-
2 ized to expend the sum of one hundred thousand
3 dollars — one half of said sum to be provided by
4 the county and one half by the commonwealth —
5 for the purchase of real estate and the erection
6 or alteration of buildings for the purpose of es-
7 tablishing the school herein provided for. There-
8 after the said county shall annually raise by taxa-
9 tion a sum for the county's proportional part of
10 the maintenance cost of said school, and the sum so
11 raised shall be paid to the said trustees by the
12 treasurer of the said county upon their requisition.
13 In order to provide the county's proportional part
14 of the expense of establishing and equipping the
15 said school herein provided for, the county com-
16 missioners of said county are hereby authorized to
17 issue county bonds to an amount of fifty thousand
18 dollars, to mature in whole or in part in not less
19 than twenty years, with interest at four per cent
20 annually. Said county commissioners may by vote
21 provide for the payment of said debt by such pro-
22 portionate or other annual payments as will ex-

23 tinguish the same at maturity, but so that the
24 amount of such annual payment in any year and
25 the whole interest of such debt payable in the same
26 year shall not together be less than the aggregate
27 amount of principal and interest payable in any
28 subsequent year, and thereupon such annual
29 amount shall, without further vote, be assessed
30 under the provisions of laws relating to the assess-
31 ment of county taxes.

1 SECTION 3. In order to aid in the establishment
2 and equipment of said school there shall be paid
3 out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the
4 trustees of said school one half the cost of estab-
5 lishing and equipping said school, said sum not to
6 exceed fifty thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Any school authorized under this
2 act shall be maintained as an approved school sub-
3 ject to the provisions of chapter four hundred and
4 seventy-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 eleven, with all amendments thereto, and any county
6 maintaining such a school shall be reimbursed for
7 expenditures incurred in its maintenance in the
8 same manner and to the same extent as is provided
9 for the reimbursement of towns and cities under the
10 provisions of the same chapter, with all amend-
11 ments thereto.

1 SECTION 5. The said trustees for any county
2 shall annually prepare, on or before December fif-
3 teenth, an estimate of the amount required to main-
4 tain said school for the ensuing year, and said
5 estimate shall be included in the estimate prepared

6 by the commissioners of the county required by
7 section twenty-seven of chapter twenty-one of the
8 Revised Laws; and if the expenditure of the amount
9 so estimated or any part thereof shall be authorized
10 by the general court, the said trustees shall, subject
11 to the provisions of chapter seven hundred and
12 forty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and
13 eleven, expend the same for the purpose hereinbe-
14 fore stated.

1 SECTION 6. First. A school maintained by any
2 county under the provisions of this act shall be free
3 for attendance to all residents of the county. Any
4 resident of any city or town which does not main-
5 tain under the provisions of chapter four hundred
6 and seventy-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and
7 eleven, with amendments made thereto, an approved
8 industrial, agricultural or household arts school, of-
9 fering the training which he desires, and which is
10 located in a county that does not maintain such a
11 school, under the provisions of this act, may make
12 application for admission to such a school main-
13 tained by another county. The board of education,
14 whose decision shall be final, may approve or dis-
15 approve such application. In making such a de-
16 cision the board of education shall take into consid-
17 eration the opportunities for free vocational train-
18 ing in the community in which the applicant resides;
19 the financial status of the community; the age, sex,
20 preparation, aptitude and previous record of the
21 applicant, and all other relevant circumstances.

22 Second. The city or town in which the person
23 resides who has been admitted as above provided,
24 to an approved independent industrial, agricultural

25 or household arts school, maintained by another
26 county, shall pay such tuition fee as may be fixed
27 by the board of education; and the commonwealth
28 shall reimburse such city or town as provided for in
29 this act. If any city or town neglects or refuses
30 to pay for such tuition it shall be liable therefor in
31 an action of contract to the county maintaining the
32 school, which the pupil with the approval of the
33 said board, attended.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

