

By Mr. St. Cyr of Millis, petition of John F. St. Cyr, Martin A. Linsky, Paul W. Cronin, John A. S. McGlennon and Harry A. S. Read relative to the granting of teaching certificates by the Board of Education to applicants who have hearing impediments. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING OF TEACHING CERTIFICATES BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE HEARING IMPEDIMENTS.

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 38G of chapter 71 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as ap-
3 pearing in section 1 of chapter 333 of the acts of 1960, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—
5 The board of education, hereinafter referred to as the board,
6 shall grant certificates upon application to teachers, principals,
7 supervisors, directors, school librarians, superintendents and
8 assistant superintendents of schools who furnish the board with
9 satisfactory proof that they (1) are American citizens, (2)
10 are in good health, provided that no applicant shall be dis-
11 qualified because of his blindness or defective hearing, (3) are
12 of sound moral character, (4) possess a bachelor's degree or
13 an earned higher academic degree or are graduates of a normal
14 school approved by the board, and (5) meet such requirements
15 as to courses of study and semester hours therein as may be
16 established and put into effect by said board; provided, never-
17 theless, that no requirements respecting such courses of study
18 and semester hours therein shall take effect prior to three
19 years subsequent to their promulgation by said board. The
20 board may adopt such rules and regulations as may be neces-
21 sary for the proper conduct of its duties in granting such
22 certificates.

1 SECTION 2. Section 38 of said chapter 71, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 164 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:— No school committee
5 shall refuse to elect and contract with a candidate for a teach-
6 ing position because of such person's blindness or defective
7 hearing.