

HOUSE No. 2542

By Mr. McCarthy of Somerville, petition of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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 of chapter 781 of the acts of 1951 is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word "law", in line 3,
3 the following: — (including, without limiting the gen-
4 erality of the foregoing, sections eighty-nine and
5 eighty-nine A of chapter thirty-two of the General
6 Laws), — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The
7 annual amount of every pension, retirement allowance,
8 annuity or other benefit payable under any general
9 or special law (including, without limiting the gen-
10 erality of the foregoing, sections eighty-nine and
11 eighty-nine A of chapter thirty-two of the General
12 Laws) by the commonwealth or by any county, city,
13 town or district to any former employee, including any
14 teacher, except teachers retired under section forty-

15 three of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, who
16 was separated from the service by retirement prior to
17 November first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and
18 at the time of such separation from the service had at
19 least fifteen years creditable service, including any
20 former employee retired because of accidental dis-
21 ability regardless of years of creditable service, or to
22 any person claiming under any such former employee
23 whether as beneficiary, dependent or otherwise, shall
24 be increased by one hundred dollars; provided, that
25 if the normal full annual amount of any such pension,
26 retirement allowance, annuity or other benefit as so
27 increased, payable to any such former employee who
28 was separated from the service by superannuation re-
29 tirement and at the time of retirement had attained
30 the age of sixty and had at least twenty-five years of
31 creditable service, or payable to any such former em-
32 ployee retired because of accidental disability regard-
33 less of years of creditable service, is less than twelve
34 hundred dollars, it is hereby increased to twelve hun-
35 dred dollars. All increases under this section shall be
36 subject to the limitations contained in section two of
37 this act.