

hundred and fifty-one, and payable under the provisions of sections nine, eighty-nine, eighty-nine A or under options (c) or (d) of subdivision (2) of section twelve of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, or any similar law, to the widow of any deceased employee of the commonwealth or of any county, city, town or district, shall be increased by one hundred dollars; provided, that the total amount of such annuity or allowance as so increased shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars and that such widow does not remarry; and provided, further, that the member whose widow is receiving a pension under said options (c) or (d) had not less than fifteen years of creditable service.

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*Chap.472* AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RETIRED PERSONS AND THOSE CLAIMING UNDER THEM TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS TO CERTAIN INCREASES IN THEIR PENSIONS, RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OR ANNUITIES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Waiver of  
retirement  
rights  
authorized.

Section 7 of chapter 624 of the acts of 1952 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "act", in line 3, the words: —, or any person claiming under any such former employee whether as beneficiary, dependent or otherwise, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 7.* Any former employee of the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions who is entitled to the increase granted by this act, or any person claiming under any such former employee whether as beneficiary, dependent or otherwise, may waive and renounce for himself, his heirs and legal representatives his right to receive such increase by filing with the treasurer of the governmental unit paying his pension, retirement allowance or annuity a written statement wherein he waives and renounces such right as aforesaid. Nothing in this section shall be construed to otherwise affect the pension, retirement allowance or annuity payable to the person filing such a written statement.

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*Chap.473* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, REORGANIZATION AND ABOLITION OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 486 of the acts of 1909 is hereby amended by striking out section 5, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 152 of the acts of 1936, and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 5.* The city council with the approval of the mayor may from time to time make by-laws or ordinances for any or all of the following purposes: — (a) to create a new department or agency; (b) to abolish, in whole or in part, any department or agency; (c) to reorganize, in whole or in part, any department or de-

partment head or any agency or agency head; (d) to confer or impose on any department or agency any power or duty of the city not appertaining at the time of the making of the by-law or ordinance to any department or agency; (e) to transfer any or all of the powers, duties and appropriations of any division of any department or agency to another division of the same department or agency; (f) to transfer any or all of the powers, duties and appropriations of any department or division thereof or of any agency or division thereof either to another department or division thereof or to another agency or division thereof; and (g) to increase, reduce, establish or abolish the salary of any department or agency head. Every department or agency head created by, or resulting from a reorganization effected by, a by-law or ordinance made under this section shall, unless ex officio, be appointed by the mayor without confirmation by the city council for a term expiring on the first Monday of the January following the next biennial municipal election at which a mayor is elected or, in the case of a person serving without compensation or of a person serving on the board of appeal, the board of examiners, the board of examiners of gasfitters or other like board, for such other term as the by-law or ordinance may prescribe. Every person holding an office or position subject to the civil service laws and rules shall, if the office or position is abolished by a by-law or ordinance made under this section and the by-law or ordinance so provides, be reappointed without civil service examination or registration to a similar office or position with similar status in any new department or agency, or division of either, thereby created or in any department or agency, or division of either, not thereby abolished; and every such person shall upon such reappointment, retain all rights to retirement with pension that shall have accrued or would thereafter accrue to him; and his services shall be deemed to have been continuous to the same extent as if such abolition had not taken place. As used in this section, the term "agency" shall be construed to mean any office in charge of a board or officer not subject to the direction of a department head. Nothing in this section shall authorize any action in conflict with the civil service laws or rules except as expressly provided herein; nor shall any by-law or ordinance made under this section affect in any way the school committee or any board or officer of the school committee or school department, or the board of commissioners of school buildings or the superintendent of construction, or the board of trustees of the teachers' retirement fund or the board of trustees of the permanent school pension fund, or the Boston retirement board, or the city clerk, or the board of election commissioners, or the Boston traffic commission, or any board or officer appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of said city subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved June 11, 1953.*