

SENATE No. 255

To accompany the petition of Robert L. Lee for legislation to provide that service as a member of the General Court shall be counted as membership service in any retirement system of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL COURT SHALL BE COUNTED AS MEMBERSHIP SERVICE IN ANY RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter thirty-two of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section three the follow-
3 ing section:—

4 *Section 3A.* Any provision of general or special
5 law to the contrary notwithstanding, any person who
6 serves as a member of the general court and subse-
7 quently becomes the holder of any office or position
8 in the service of the commonwealth or any political
9 subdivision thereof, shall, upon application, be ad-
10 mitted to membership in the retirement system of the
11 commonwealth or such political subdivision. In such

12 case the period of such service in the general court
13 shall be considered creditable prior service, and, for
14 the purposes of membership in any retirement sys-
15 tem, the date of the commencement of service in the
16 general court shall be considered as the date of origi-
17 nal entry into the employment of the commonwealth
18 or political subdivision, unless prior thereto such per-
19 son was employed by the commonwealth or any po-
20 litical subdivision, in which case the date of the com-
21 mencement of such prior employment shall be con-
22 sidered as the date of original entry into the service.