

By Mr. Snow of Natick, petition of H. Edward Snow, Charles W. Hedges, Leslie B. Cutler and Lawrence H. Davis and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for the retirement at half pay of the counsels to the Senate and to the House of Representatives after twenty years of service and upon reaching the age of sixty-five. Rules (Concurrently).

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENSIONS FOR THE COUNSEL TO THE SENATE AND THE COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

*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 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 65B, inserted by section 1  
3 of chapter 689 of the acts of 1941, the following  
4 section: —

5 *Section 65C.* Any person holding the office of coun-  
6 sel to the senate or counsel to the house of repre-  
7 sentatives whose tenure of office is terminated by  
8 voluntary action on his part or otherwise after he has  
9 completed a period of more than twenty years of  
10 faithful service in such office, or in the offices of  
11 counsel and of assistant counsel to the senate or house  
12 of representatives, as the case may be, and after he has

13 attained the age of sixty-five years, shall be entitled  
14 to receive a pension for life at an annual rate equal to  
15 one half of the average annual rate of salary paid to  
16 him during the ten years immediately preceding the  
17 termination of his tenure, to be paid from the same  
18 source and in the same manner as the salaries of such  
19 counsel are paid. In the event of the termination as  
20 aforesaid of the tenure of the counsel to the senate  
21 or counsel to the house of representatives and the  
22 pensioning of such counsel under this section all money  
23 standing to his credit in the state retirement system  
24 shall be retained by the commonwealth. No counsel  
25 first appointed as such after December thirty-first,  
26 nineteen hundred and forty-five, shall be subject to  
27 the provisions of this section.