

SENATE No. 334

To accompany the petition of Ralph C. Mahar for legislation relative to pensions or retirement allowances of teachers and other persons formerly public employees, and of beneficiaries of certain retired public employees. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING INCREASES OF THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS OR RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHO HAVE BEEN RETIRED AND THE BENEFICIARIES OF CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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. The amount of the pension, or the
2 retirement allowance, of any former employee or of
3 any beneficiary of a deceased employee of the com-
4 monwealth, or of any county, city, town or district
5 thereof, including teachers, who was retired, prior to
6 January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, under
7 any provision of general or special law, and who is
8 receiving either a pension or a retirement allowance
9 of not more than twelve hundred dollars, excluding
10 any additional annuity purchased under a provision
11 of law similar to paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of

12 section twenty-two of chapter thirty-two of the gen-
13 eral laws, shall, from and after the effective date of
14 this act, be a sum equal to the pension or retirement
15 allowance which he was receiving on said January
16 first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, plus the increase
17 or increases, if any, provided by any general or special
18 law passed since said date, which shall be permanent,
19 plus a further increase of one hundred and twenty
20 dollars per annum; provided, that no pension or re-
21 tirement allowance shall be increased hereunder by an
22 amount which will make the same, excluding such
23 additional annuity, exceed twelve hundred dollars
24 annually.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall not take effect in any
2 county, city, town or district until accepted, in a
3 county by the county commissioners thereof, in a
4 city by a two thirds vote of the city council, with the
5 approval of the mayor or city manager, in a town by
6 a two thirds vote at a town meeting, and in a district
7 by its prudential committee.

1 SECTION 3. The increase granted by this act shall
2 date from September first, nineteen hundred and forty-
3 eight, in the case of persons retired under the teachers'
4 retirement system and under the retirement system
5 for state employees.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to state pen-
2 sions to be used for reimbursement purposes under
3 paragraph (c) of subdivision (2) of section twenty of
4 chapter thirty-two of the General Laws for teachers
5 retired prior to January first, nineteen hundred and
6 forty-six.