
By Mr. Lynch of Springfield (by request), petition of Joseph P. Dionne for an increase in the amount of retirement allowances of former public employees. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASES IN THE AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM ALLOWANCES NOW RECEIVED BY VARIOUS FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to grant sorely
3 needed increases to certain former public employe-
4 members of the contributory retirement system now
5 on the system's pension rolls, therefore it is hereby
6 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
7 immediate preservation of the public health and con-
8 venience.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general
2 or special law to the contrary, the annual amount of
3 every pension or retirement allowance and annuity
4 received by former public employees, who were under

5 the contributory retirement system, and who were
6 retired prior to January first, nineteen hundred and
7 forty-six, shall be increased to the annual amount
8 received by members retired under the contributory
9 laws after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-
10 six, when the length of service, age at time of retire-
11 ment and the amount contributed are approximately
12 equivalent, or the same; and provided, that no such
13 increase shall make said pension, retirement allowance
14 or annuity, exclusive of voluntary additional annuity,
15 exceed fifteen hundred dollars annually.