
By Mr. Jenness of Quincy, petition of William W. Jenness for legislation relative to the eligibility of state officials for membership in the contributory retirement system. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

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

1 Clause (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of
2 section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as ap-
3 pearing in section 1 of chapter 658 of the acts of 1945,
4 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3,
5 the words “, if under age fifty-five on the date of his
6 appointment, — so as to read as follows: —

7 (v) Any state official as defined in section one here-
8 after appointed to office, who files with the board on
9 a prescribed form a written application for member-
10 ship within ninety days after the date of assuming
11 the duties of his position; provided, that a member
12 becoming a state official shall retain his membership
13 and a state official who is a member shall remain a
14 member upon his reappointment or upon his appoint-
15 ment or election to any other position which would
16 otherwise entitle him to membership;

It is the duty of every citizen to support the laws of the State and to pay the taxes thereon. It is the duty of every citizen to obey the laws of the State and to pay the taxes thereon.

The Government of the State

The Government of the State is organized into three branches: the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial.

The Executive branch is headed by the Governor, who is elected by the people for a term of four years.

The Legislative branch is composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate is elected by the people for a term of six years, and the House of Representatives is elected by the people for a term of two years.

The Judicial branch is headed by the Chief Justice of the State, who is elected by the people for a term of eight years. The Court of Appeals is also elected by the people for a term of eight years. The Circuit Courts are elected by the people for a term of six years.

The Governor has the honor and privilege of appointing and removing the judges of the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Courts, and the Justices of the Peace. He also has the honor and privilege of appointing and removing the members of the State Board of Education, the State Board of Health, and the State Board of Charities. He also has the honor and privilege of appointing and removing the members of the State Board of Prisoners, the State Board of Lunatics, and the State Board of Deaf and Dumb.