

SENATE No. 43

To accompany the petition of Ernest W. Towne for legislation relative to pensions to be paid to surviving spouses of members of the State retirement system. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENSIONS TO BE PAID TO SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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 any provision of chapter thirty-
2 two of the General Laws to the contrary, upon the
3 death of any member of the state retirement system
4 who shall have completed thirty-five years of service,
5 shall have attained sixty-five years of age, and shall
6 have complied with the provisions of said chapter
7 thirty-two, the surviving spouse shall, so long as he
8 or she remains unmarried, receive one half of the
9 pension which said member would have received had
10 he retired, or, if said deceased member was retired at
11 the time of death, one half of the pension and annuity
12 which said retired member was receiving.

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