

HOUSE No. 1395

By Mr. Nourse of Medfield, petition of Guy M. Bianchino and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide that membership in retirement systems be deemed to create a contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT MEMBERSHIP IN RETIREMENT SYSTEMS SHALL CONSTITUTE A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP AND THAT BENEFITS THEREIN SHALL NOT BE DIMINISHED OR IMPAIRED.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Sen-
2 ate and House of Representatives, in joint session,
3 hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Con-
4 stitution by the adoption of the following Article of
5 Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of
6 the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint ses-
7 sion of the next General Court and approved by the
8 people at the state election next following]:

9 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 After January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-
11 eight, membership in any pension or retirement sys-
12 tem of the state or subdivision thereof shall be deemed
13 to be a contractual relationship, the benefits of which
14 shall not be diminished or impaired.

to the House of Representatives

SECTION 1

That the Secretary of the

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