

By Mr. Kiernan of Lowell, petition of the Mass. Ass'n of Contributory Retirement Boards for legislation to enlarge the general powers and duties of contributory retirement boards and the contributory retirement appeal board. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT ENLARGING THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARDS AND THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT APPEAL BOARD.

*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. Section 16 of chapter 32 of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of sub-  
3 division (4) the following paragraph: —  
4 The contributory retirement appeal board shall  
5 have the power to subpoena witnesses, administer  
6 oaths and examine such parts of the books and records  
7 of the parties to a proceeding as relate to questions  
8 in dispute. Fees for such witnesses shall be the same  
9 as for witnesses before the courts in civil actions, and  
10 shall be paid from the appropriation fund of the con-  
11 tributory retirement appeal board.

1 SECTION 2. Section 20 of chapter 32 of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of  
3 paragraph (b) of subdivision (5) the following para-  
4 graph: —  
5 Any such board shall have the power to take evi-  
6 dence, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and ex-  
7 amine such parts of the books and records of the  
8 parties to a proceeding as relate to questions in dispute.  
9 Fees for such witnesses shall be the same as for wit-  
10 nesses before the courts in civil actions, and shall be  
11 paid from the expense fund of such system.

