

By Mr. Stanley E. Johnson of Worcester, petition of the Mass. Association of Contributory Retirement Boards for enlarging 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-Five.

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 have
5 the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and
6 examine such parts of the books and records of the
7 parties to a proceeding as relate to questions in dispute.
8 Fees for such witnesses shall be the same as for witnesses
9 before the courts in civil actions, and shall be paid from
10 the appropriation fund of the contributory retirement
11 appeal board.

1 SECTION 2. Section 20 of chapter 32 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of para-
3 graph (b) of subdivision (5) the following paragraph:—

4 Any such board shall have the power to take evidence,
5 subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and examine such
6 parts of the books and records of the parties to a pro-
7 ceeding as relate to questions in dispute. Fees for such
8 witnesses shall be the same as for witnesses before the
9 courts in civil actions, and shall be paid from the expense
10 fund of such system.

