
To accompany the petition of Louis A. Salmon that provision be made for an additional option for policemen and fire fighters under the contributory retirement law. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR POLICEMEN AND FIRE FIGHTERS UNDER THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT LAW.

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. Subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after option (c),
3 inserted by section 7 of chapter 618 of the acts of 1949, the fol-
4 lowing option: —

5 *Option (c 1).* A lesser retirement allowance which shall be
6 payable to such member who is a policeman or fire fighter during
7 his lifetime, with the provision that one half of the yearly
8 amount of such lesser retirement allowance shall be continued
9 during the lifetime of and paid to his widow.

10 If such widow dies before the date such retirement allowance
11 becomes effective, this option shall not take effect, and in such
12 case such member, upon his written request on a prescribed
13 form filed with the board prior to such effective date, may make
14 a new election of option (a), (b) or (c). The yearly amount of
15 such lesser retirement allowance shall be determined so that the
16 value, on the date such allowance becomes effective, of the
17 prospective payments to such member and to his widow shall be
18 the actuarial equivalent of the value on such date of the full
19 retirement allowance specified in option (a) of this subdivision.
20 Any retirement allowance payable hereunder shall be divided
21 between annuity and pension in the same proportion as the cor-
22 responding full retirement allowance specified in said option
23 (a) is so divided.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law,
2 a policeman or fire fighter who prior to the effective date of this
3 act had retired under option (b) of subdivision (2) of section
4 twelve of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, may on appli-
5 cation to the appropriate retirement board, elect to be retired
6 under the provisions of option (c 1) of subdivision (2) of section
7 twelve of said chapter thirty-two, as inserted by section one of
8 this act; provided, that he first pay to the retirement fund a
9 sum equal to the amount by which the retirement allowance he
10 has received exceeds the lesser retirement allowance he would
11 have received had he been just retired under said option (c 1.)