

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 824

By Mr. Navin of Marlborough, petition of the Federation of State, City & Town Employees (Ind.) relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees separated from the service after April first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS, RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES AND ANNUITIES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE AFTER APRIL FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to authorize without delay the pay-  
3 ment of increases in the pensions, retirement allowances and an-  
4 nuities of certain former employees, it is hereby declared to be  
5 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of  
6 the public convenience.

*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. Chapter 670 of the acts of 1955 is hereby amended  
2 by striking out section 1, as amended by section 1 of chapter 415  
3 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section:—

5 *Section 1.* The annual amount of every pension, retirement  
6 allowance or annuity payable under any general or special law  
7 by the commonwealth or by any county, city, town or district  
8 to any former employee, including teachers, whose sole or prin-  
9 cipal employment was in the service of the commonwealth or  
10 any of its political subdivisions, who at the time of their retire-  
11 ment had attained age sixty and had at least twenty years of  
12 creditable service, shall be increased by **[two] three** hundred

13 dollars; provided, that no such increase shall be made in the  
14 case of any pension, retirement allowance or annuity which is  
15 in excess of two thousand dollars, exclusive of any amount of  
16 additional annuity obtained by special purchase as provided  
17 under paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of section twenty-two of  
18 chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, or under any similar  
19 law, and no such increase shall be made which will make the  
20 total annual amount of such pension, retirement allowance or  
21 annuity, exclusive of any such additional annuity, exceed [two  
22 thousand] **twenty-five hundred** dollars; and provided, fur-  
23 ther, that if the total annual amount of any such pension, re-  
24 tirement allowance or annuity as so increased, payable to any  
25 former employee, including teachers, whose sole or principal em-  
26 ployment was in the service of the commonwealth or any of its  
27 political subdivisions who was separated from the service by  
28 superannuation retirement, and at the time of such retirement  
29 had attained age sixty and had at least twenty-five years of cred-  
30 itable service, is less than [fourteen] **seventeen** hundred dol-  
31 lars, exclusive of any additional annuity obtained by special  
32 purchase, it shall be increased to [fourteen] **seventeen** hun-  
33 dred dollars, and if the total annual amount of any such pen-  
34 sion, retirement allowance or annuity as so increased, payable  
35 to any former employee, including teachers, whose sole or prin-  
36 cipal employment was in the service of the commonwealth or  
37 any of its political subdivisions who was separated from the  
38 service by superannuation retirement, and at the time of such  
39 retirement had attained age sixty-five and had at least thirty-  
40 five years of creditable service, is less than [seventeen hundred]  
41 **two thousand** dollars, exclusive of any additional annuity ob-  
42 tained by special purchase, it shall be increased to [seventeen  
43 hundred] **two thousand** dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 670 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section: —

4 *Section 3.* The annual amount of any annuity or allowance  
5 payable under the provisions of section nine, eighty-nine, eighty-  
6 nine A or under options (c) or (d) of subdivision (2) of section  
7 twelve of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, or any similar

8 law, to the widow of any deceased employee, including teachers,  
9 of the commonwealth or of any county, city, town or district,  
10 shall be increased by one hundred dollars; provided, that the  
11 total amount of such annuity or allowance as so increased shall  
12 not exceed **【two thousand】 twenty-five hundred** dollars and  
13 that the member whose widow is receiving a pension under said  
14 options (c) or (d) had at least fifteen years of creditable service;  
15 and further provided, that such widow does not remarry.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country. It is noted that the weather has been very dry and hot, and that the crops are suffering. The government has taken steps to provide relief to the people, and it is hoped that these measures will be successful.

The second part of the report deals with the financial situation of the country. It is noted that the government has a large deficit, and that the public debt is increasing. It is suggested that the government should take steps to reduce its expenditure, and to increase its revenue.

The third part of the report deals with the social situation of the country. It is noted that there is a large amount of poverty and distress, and that the people are suffering from lack of food and clothing. It is suggested that the government should take steps to provide relief to the people, and to improve the social conditions.

The fourth part of the report deals with the political situation of the country. It is noted that there is a large amount of corruption and mismanagement, and that the people are suffering from the result. It is suggested that the government should take steps to reform the political system, and to improve the administration.

The fifth part of the report deals with the military situation of the country. It is noted that the army is in a state of disrepair, and that the government has a large deficit in the military budget. It is suggested that the government should take steps to reform the military, and to improve the military situation.