

HOUSE No. 2442

By Mr. Johnson of Brockton, petition of Adolph Johnson that cities and towns be authorized to grant pensions or annuities to certain employees for long and meritorious service without action by the General Court. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES AND TOWNS TO GRANT PENSIONS OR ANNUITIES TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FOR LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE WITHOUT ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 For the purpose of promoting the public good and
2 in consideration of long and meritorious service of any
3 employee who is not entitled to a pension or retire-
4 ment allowance under the provisions of the General
5 Laws or under any special laws or any dependent of
6 any such employee the cities and towns may grant
7 a pension or annuity in such amount as they may
8 decide but not to exceed two thousand dollars in any
9 case.

10 Such a pension or annuity may be granted in a city
11 having a Plan D or a Plan E charter by a two-thirds
12 vote of all the members of the city council and ap-

13 proved by the city manager; in any other city by
 14 a two-thirds vote of all the members of the city council
 15 and approved by the mayor; and in a town by a
 16 majority vote of the voters at an annual town meeting
 17 upon recommendation by the selectmen.

It shall be the duty of the city manager to cause to be prepared and submitted to the city council a report of the city manager and the city council shall have the right to call for the same at any time.

ARTICLE III
 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

SECTION 1. The executive power shall be vested in the governor. He shall hold his office for a term of four years, and shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for one term only.

SECTION 2. The governor shall have the honor and precedence of a senator. He shall be commander in chief of the military forces of the state, and shall have the power to pardon and commute the sentences of criminals.

SECTION 3. The governor shall have the power to appoint and remove officers in the executive department of the state, and to grant pardons and commutations of sentences to criminals. He shall have the power to call the militia into the service of the state, and to organize, discipline and regulate the same. He shall have the power to declare the existence of a state of emergency, and to suspend the operation of any law until the next session of the legislature.

SECTION 4. The governor shall have the power to grant reprieves and commutations of sentences to criminals, and to pardon and commute the sentences of criminals.