
Mr. Mr. Quinlan, a petition of the Boston Teachers' Alliance, by Mark J. Dalton, and John M. Quinlan that provision be made for increases in pensions payable to certain retired persons, and for adjustments in pensions based on the cost of living. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASES IN PENSIONS PAYABLE TO CERTAIN RETIRED PERSONS, AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN PENSIONS BASED ON THE COST OF LIVING.

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. The annual amount of every pension, retirement
2 allowance, or annuity payable under any general or special law
3 to any former employee of the commonwealth or of any county,
4 city, town, or district, including teachers, shall be increased
5 by such amount as is necessary to bring the amount of such
6 pension, retirement allowance, or annuity, up to an amount
7 equal to the base amount of such pension, retirement allowance,
8 or annuity, plus the amount by which such pension, retirement
9 allowance, or annuity, would have been increased had an ad-
10 justment been made in such pension, retirement allowance,
11 or annuity, in accordance with the increase in the cost of living
12 as shown by the Massachusetts Retail Price Index, since the
13 effective date of retirement of each such individual receiving
14 such pension, retirement allowance, or annuity. Any adjust-
15 ment necessary under the provisions of this section shall be
16 made as follows: One third of such adjustment shall be added,
17 effective as of January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-six
18 with an additional one third of such adjustment to be added,
19 effective as of January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven
20 and the final one third of such adjustment will be added, ef-
21 fective as of January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-
22 eight. No adjustment will be made in the case of any employee

23 whose retirement became effective subsequent to December
24 thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixty-four nor shall any ad-
25 justment be made in the case of any benefit currently being
26 paid under the provisions of section twelve B of chapter thirty-
27 two of the General Laws. In the event the present amount
28 payable exceeds the base amount of the pension, retirement
29 allowance, or annuity, plus the cost of living increase as pro-
30 vided for in this section, no adjustment shall be made in the
31 amount of such pension, retirement allowance, or annuity.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 101 the following section: —
3 *Section 102.* Effective as of January first, nineteen hundred
4 and sixty-six the life actuary in the division of insurance shall
5 determine the percentum change in the Massachusetts Retail
6 Price Index from the rate shown in such index, as of January
7 first, nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and whenever a change
8 is noted in such index equaling five per cent upward or down-
9 ward, an adjustment shall be made upward or downward in the
10 amount of five per cent of such pension, retirement allowance,
11 or annuity, payable under any general or special law to any
12 former employee of the commonwealth or of any county, city,
13 town, or district, including teachers, except that no reduction
14 shall be made which would reduce the amount of any pension,
15 retirement allowance, or annuity below the amount established
16 and payable, effective as of January first, nineteen hundred and
17 sixty-eight.