

HOUSE No. 513

By Mr. Goodwin of Melrose, petition of the Legislative Committee of the State House Associates that members of the State Retirement Association be authorized to purchase additional annuity without affecting their pensions payable at retirement. Pensions. Jan. 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act permitting Members of the Retirement Association for Employees of the Commonwealth to purchase an Additional Annuity without Increasing or Decreasing the Cost of any Pension Otherwise Payable by the Commonwealth at Retirement.

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 thirty-two of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as amended in section four by sec-
3 tion six of chapter four hundred and eighty-
4 seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 twenty-one and by section one of chapter three
6 hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and
7 twenty-six, is hereby further amended by add-
8 ing to paragraph (2) A the following para-
9 graph: (d) A member rated with five per cent
10 contributions for his entire service, who wishes
11 to increase the amount of his annuity over that

12 provided by deposits specified in paragraph
13 (2) A (a) of this section may by request in
14 writing to the board, have additional five per
15 cent contributions withheld from the salary or
16 wages he receives above said maximum, pro-
17 vided that such additional deposits shall not
18 exceed the deposits specified in said paragraph.
19 The additional deposits shall be credited to the
20 account of the member, and such deposits shall
21 receive "regular interest" and the same rate
22 of additional interest or surplus as shall be
23 paid upon regular annuity deposits. If such
24 a member leaves the service or dies before
25 retirement, these additional accumulated de-
26 posits shall be refunded with other accumulated
27 deposits under paragraph 2 A of section five,
28 and in the same manner. Upon retirement such
29 member shall receive in addition to the annuity
30 otherwise provided under sections one to five,
31 such additional annuity as the additional ac-
32 cumulated deposits will purchase under para-
33 graph (2) B of section five. The additional
34 annuity shall not be taken into account in de-
35 termining the amount of any regular annuity,
36 pension or maximum retirement allowance com-
37 puted upon deposits accumulated under other
38 provisions of sections one to five, inclusive, and
39 said annuity shall be in addition to all pen-
40 sions and regular annuity payments required
41 according to such basis of computation to pro-
42 vide the minimum retirement allowance under
43 paragraph E of section five.

1 SECTION 2. Section five of chapter thirty-
2 two of the General Laws, as amended by
3 sections three and four of chapter three hun-
4 dred and forty-one of the acts of nineteen
5 hundred and twenty-two, by sections one and
6 two of chapter two hundred and five of the
7 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, by
8 sections one and two of chapter two hundred
9 and forty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred
10 and twenty-five, by section two of chapter three
11 hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and
12 twenty-six, and by section one of chapter one
13 hundred and one of the acts of nineteen hun-
14 dred and twenty-seven, is hereby further
15 amended by striking out the paragraph con-
16 tained in lines eighty-four to ninety as printed
17 in the General Laws, and inserting in place
18 thereof the following: If the accumulated
19 contributions of any employee retired under
20 sections one to five, inclusive, exceed the amount
21 required to provide an annuity equal to one
22 fourth of the average annual rate of wages or
23 salary of such employee during the last five
24 years prior to his retirement, the excess above
25 that amount, except as herein provided, shall
26 be paid to such employee in a lump sum with
27 the first monthly payment on the account of
28 his retiring allowance. An employee at the
29 time of his retirement may file with the board
30 a written request that said excess accumulated
31 deposits shall be used to purchase an additional

32 annuity. In such a case said sum shall be
33 applied to purchase an additional annuity,
34 which annuity shall be paid subject to the con-
35 ditions otherwise provided for additional
36 annuity payments under sections one to five,
37 inclusive.