

SENATE No. 357

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 11, 1919.

The committee on Public Service, to which were referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 167) of George B. Churchill relative to the retirement of certain officials who are about to reach or have reached the age of seventy years, and the Bill relative to the retirement system for the employees of the Commonwealth (House, No. 146, introduced on leave), reports the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 357) [Messrs. Newhall and Gillen, of the House, dissent.]

For the committee,

GEORGE A. HASTINGS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Retirement of Members of the State Retirement Association upon reaching the Age of Seventy Years.

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

1 Paragraph four of section three of chapter five
2 hundred and thirty-two of the acts of nineteen
3 hundred and eleven, as amended by section two
4 of chapter three hundred and sixty-three of the
5 acts of nineteen hundred and twelve and by sec-
6 tion one hundred and two of chapter two hundred
7 and fifty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen
8 hundred and eighteen, is hereby further amended
9 by adding at the end thereof the following:—
10 But any member who is about to reach the age
11 of seventy years, and whose retention in the pub-
12 lic service in the opinion of the governor and
13 council, is necessary to the public interest, may
14 from time to time upon application by, or on
15 behalf of such member, filed with the governor
16 and council not more than nine nor less than

17 three months before the seventieth birthday of
18 such member, be retained in the service for such
19 further period as the governor and council may
20 determine. The governor and council may at
21 any time short of the expiration of any period
22 so fixed, reopen the question of retention and
23 may determine the same anew, — so that said
24 paragraph will read as follows: — (4) Any mem-
25 ber who reaches the age of sixty years and has
26 been in the continuous service of the common-
27 wealth for a period of fifteen years immediately
28 preceding may retire or be retired by the board of
29 retirement upon recommendation of the head of
30 the department in which he is employed, or, in
31 case of members appointed by the governor, upon
32 recommendation of the governor and council, and
33 any member who reaches the age of seventy
34 must so retire. But any member who is about to
35 reach the age of seventy years, and whose reten-
36 tion in the public service in the opinion of the
37 governor and council, is necessary to the public
38 interest, may from time to time upon application
39 by, or on behalf of such member, filed with the
40 governor and council not more than nine nor less
41 than three months before the seventieth birth-
42 day of such member, be retained in the service
43 for such further period as the governor and coun-
44 cil may determine. The governor and council
45 may at any time short of the expiration of any
46 period so fixed, reopen the question of retention
47 and may determine the same anew.

