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By Mr. Theberge of Fall River, petition of Joseph E. Theberge for further amendment of the laws relating to pensioning deserving citizens who have reached age seventy. Pensions.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

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An Act providing for Pensions for Certain Aged Citizens.

*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 General Laws are hereby amended  
2 by striking out chapter one hundred and eighteen A,  
3 as amended, and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
4 lowing: —

5 CHAPTER 118A.

6 PENSIONS FOR CERTAIN AGED CITIZENS.

7 *Section 1.* Pensions to deserving citizens seventy  
8 years of age or over who shall have resided in the  
9 commonwealth not less than twenty years immedi-  
10 ately preceding the date of application for such pen-  
11 sion, subject to such reasonable exceptions as to  
12 continuity of residence as the commission on old age  
13 pensions, hereinafter provided for and in this chapter  
14 called the commission, may determine by rules herein-  
15 after authorized, shall be granted by the commission.

16 Pensions granted hereunder shall be given from the  
17 date of application therefor, but in no event before  
18 the applicant reaches the age of seventy.

19 *Section 2.* The commission shall be in the depart-  
20 ment of the state treasurer, but in no manner subject  
21 to his control, and shall consist of three members  
22 appointed by the governor, with the advice and con-  
23 sent of the council, who shall be designated in their  
24 initial appointments to serve respectively for two,  
25 four and six years. The governor shall designate one  
26 of the members as chairman. Upon the expiration of  
27 the term of office of a member, his successor shall be  
28 appointed in the manner aforesaid for six years. The  
29 chairman shall receive a salary of                   dollars  
30 and each other member shall receive a salary of  
31 dollars.

32 *Section 3.* The commission may make such rules  
33 relating to the administration of this chapter, as it  
34 deems necessary.

1 SECTION 2. All revenue of the commonwealth  
2 which by law is made applicable to the payment of  
3 old age assistance under chapter one hundred and  
4 eighteen A as in effect immediately prior to the effec-  
5 tive date of this act shall be applied to the payment  
6 of pensions under said chapter one hundred and eight-  
7 een A, as appearing in this act.