

By Mr. Saltonstall of Newton, petition of Charles E. Hatfield relative to membership in the State Retirement Association of persons formerly employed by counties. Social Welfare. Jan. 20.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act providing Immediate Membership in the State Retirement System for Employees whose State Employment was immediately preceded by County Employment covered by a County Pension Law, and providing the Basis of computing the Pension for Such Service and the Payment thereof by the County.

*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. Section two, paragraph six of chap-  
2 ter thirty-two of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by striking out said paragraph and in-  
4 serting in place thereof the following:—

5 6 (a) Employees who are paid partly by the com-  
6 monwealth and partly by a county having a contrib-  
7 utory retirement system, and persons who have left  
8 or shall leave the service of a county to immediately  
9 become state employees, who at the time of ter-  
10 minating the county service are covered by a non-  
11 contributory pension law, and employees formerly  
12 members of a county contributory retirement sys-

13 tem established by law whose accounts become a  
14 part of their accumulated assessments as herein-  
15 after provided, shall become members of this retire-  
16 ment system at the time of entering the service ir-  
17 respective of their age, but shall not remain in such  
18 service after reaching age seventy. Employees  
19 who are paid partly by the commonwealth and  
20 partly by a county having a retirement system  
21 shall be assessed on their full salaries or wages and  
22 the assessments on the part of the salary or wages  
23 paid by the county shall be deducted by the county  
24 treasurer in the same proportion as the salary ratio  
25 and shall immediately be transferred to the state  
26 treasurer to be credited to the annuity fund.

27 (b) The county treasurer shall transfer from the  
28 county annuity fund to this annuity fund the ac-  
29 count of a former member of a county retirement  
30 system when he receives his salary or wages in  
31 full from the state, or when his salary or wages  
32 is paid partly by the state and partly by the county.  
33 Any employee who has been or shall be paid partly  
34 by the commonwealth and partly by a county hav-  
35 ing a retirement system, or has rendered service  
36 for the state, or for such county, shall be credited  
37 with all of his continuous service rendered either  
38 for the commonwealth or for such county before  
39 his membership in this retirement system; except,  
40 that credit for such service shall not be given to  
41 an employee who has withdrawn his account from  
42 either the state or the county annuity fund unless  
43 he shall return to this annuity fund in one sum  
44 within one year from the date of his employment  
45 the full amount withdrawn. When any such em-

46 ployee is retired the state treasurer shall annually  
47 be reimbursed out of the county treasury for a  
48 part of the pension payments to such employee  
49 equivalent to the pension computed on that part  
50 of his salary or wages which was paid by the county.

1 SECTION 2. Section five, paragraph two C, of  
2 chapter thirty-two of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the paragraph included  
4 within lines seventy-two and seventy-seven in-  
5 clusive.

1 SECTION 3. Section five, paragraph two C (c) of  
2 chapter thirty-two of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by adding after the word “common-  
4 wealth” in the one hundred and sixth line the  
5 words:— or any person who becomes a member  
6 under section two, paragraph six;— and by adding  
7 after the word “the” in the one hundred and  
8 twelfth line the words:— county or state:— so as  
9 to read as follows:— (c) Any member entitled to  
10 retirement under sections one to five, inclusive,  
11 whose continuous employment for the common-  
12 wealth began at the time a department or institu-  
13 tion formerly administered by a city, county, or  
14 corporation was taken over by the commonwealth,  
15 or any person who becomes a member under sec-  
16 tion two, paragraph six, shall receive at retirement  
17 in addition to the pension payable under paragraph  
18 two C (b) of this section an extra pension for life  
19 equal to the annuity he would have purchased under  
20 paragraph two B (a) of this section by five per  
21 cent contributions from the salary paid to him by

22 the department or institution from June first, nine-  
23 teen hundred and twelve, up to the date of his mem-  
24 bership in the county or state retirement association  
25 and if such contributions had been accumulated  
26 with regular interest to the date of his retirement.