

By Mr. Balthazar of Hudson, petition of Frank M. Murphy for legislation to provide semi-monthly payments of annuities, pensions or retirement allowances for public employees. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING SEMI-MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN ANNUITIES, PENSIONS OR RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES.

*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 32 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out subdivision (1)(a) of section 13 and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following subdivision:—

4 (1)(a) Payments under any annuity, pension or retirement  
5 allowance provided for under this chapter and in effect on  
6 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-five shall  
7 continue to be due and payable in the same amounts, under  
8 the same conditions and payable semi-monthly including  
9 such payments to members of the teachers' retirement  
10 system, and the teachers' retirement board is authorized to  
11 increase on December first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, if  
12 necessary, the annual rate of the retirement allowance of any  
13 such member of the teachers' retirement system by an  
14 amount not exceeding sixteen cents to provide equal semi-  
15 monthly installments of annuity and pension.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out subdivision (1) (b) and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following subdivision:—

4 (1)(b) Payments under any annuity, pension or retire-  
5 ment allowance provided for under sections one to twenty-  
6 eight, inclusive, and becoming effective after December  
7 thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-five, shall be due and

8 payable on the fifteenth and on the last day of each month  
9 during the continuance of such annuity, pension or retire-  
10 ment allowance, as the case may be. The yearly amount of  
11 any such annuity, pension or retirement allowance shall be  
12 computed to the nearest cent which makes such amount an  
13 integral multiple of twenty-four cents. The amount of each  
14 full semi-monthly payment shall be one twenty-fourth of the  
15 corresponding yearly amount and the first such full payment  
16 shall be due and payable on the fifteenth day of the month  
17 following the month in which falls the date as of which such  
18 annuity, pension or retirement allowance becomes effective.  
19 If such effective date is a day other than the last day of the  
20 month in which it falls, a pro rata payment shall be allowed  
21 for the period following such date and ending with such last  
22 day. No payment under any such annuity, pension or  
23 retirement allowance shall be made for any period prior to  
24 the day next following the date for which such member last  
25 received regular compensation for his employment in the  
26 public service. Except as otherwise specifically provided for in  
27 sections one to twenty-eight, inclusive, semi-monthly pay-  
28 ments shall be made during the lifetime of the person upon  
29 the continuance of whose life the payments depend and shall  
30 close with the last full semi-monthly payment due prior to  
31 the death of such person; provided, that a pro rata payment  
32 shall be allowed for that portion of the semi-monthly period  
33 in which such death occurs which has elapsed up to and  
34 including the date of death.