

By Mr. Cahoon of Barnstable (by request), petition of Eliot Marks for making certain changes in the law providing for cost-of-living increases in retirement allowances for certain retired public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT AMENDING AND CLARIFYING AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES IN PENSIONS, RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES AND ANNUITIES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

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 408 of the acts of 1966 is hereby
2 amended by rewording sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:—
4 The wording in paragraph 7 “No adjustment under this
5 section shall be made in any pension, retirement allowance or
6 annuity that became effective after December thirty-first,
7 nineteen hundred and sixty-four” shall be eliminated so that
8 all persons effected will be eligible for cost-of-living adjust-
9 ments so that the law and the concept shall be applicable in
10 the cases of all persons who are in receipt of a pension,
11 retirement allowance or annuity irregardless of the effective
12 date of that pension, retirement allowance or annuity.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 408 of the acts of 1966 is
2 hereby further amended by rewording and inserting in the
3 proper place thereof the following: adjustments under this
4 section shall be made in the case of any such former em-
5 ployee, including teachers, widows or other beneficiary receiv-
6 ing a pension, retirement allowance or annuity. (the restric-

7 tive wording "which is in excess of six thousand dollars" is
8 hereby eliminated).

1 SECTION 3. Any and all parts of chapter four hundred and
2 eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-six which
3 restricted cost-of-living increases to those people who have a
4 pension, retirement allowance or annuity under six thousand
5 dollars or to those retired etc. prior to December thirty-first,
6 nineteen hundred and sixty-four is hereby corrected or
7 changed to the end that all people retired etc. at any date
8 receiving more than six thousand dollars shall be eligible for
9 cost-of-living increases anything in these sections to the
10 contrary notwithstanding.