

By Mr. Bassett of Lynn, petition of Timothy A. Bassett for legislation to indemnify members of retirement boards for damages arising from official duties. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

### AN ACT INDEMNIFYING MEMBERS OF RETIREMENT BOARDS FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

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

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
2 chapter 791 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by  
3 inserting after section 20 contained therein the following new sec-  
4 tion, section 20A: —

5 *Section 20A.* In any action brought against a member or mem-  
6 bers of a retirement board, the defense or settlement of which  
7 action is made by an attorney employed by the retirement board,  
8 the member or members of said board shall be indemnified for all  
9 expenses incurred in the defense thereof and shall be indemnified  
10 for damages to the same extent as provided for public employees in  
11 chapter 258 of the General Laws provided that the claim arose out  
12 of acts performed by such member or members while acting within  
13 the scope of their official duties.

The Secretary of the Interior has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the public lands in the State of California.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Washington, D. C., this 15th day of June, 1877.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. Powell, Secretary.

Enclosed for the Secretary of the Interior are the following documents:

1. A copy of the report of the Surveyor-General of California, dated the 10th inst., in relation to the proposed extension of the public lands in the State of California.
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