

HOUSE No. 1440

By Messrs. Artesani of Boston and Giles of Methuen, petition of the Massachusetts State Employees Association relative to providing for cost-of-living adjustments in permanent salary schedule for certain state officers and employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS IN PERMANENT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

1 *Whereas*, One of the purposes of this act is to pro-
2 vide on January first of the current year, immediate
3 income for employees of the commonwealth in view
4 of the increase in the cost of living, therefore it is
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary for
6 the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 46 of chapter 30 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by sections 1 and 2
3 of chapter 785 of the acts of 1949, is hereby further
4 amended by making the following changes in the
5 general schedule, so called, as contained therein:—
6 The rates in salary grades numbered one to seventy-
7 four in the minimum, interim and maximum columns

8 shall be increased in the amount of three hundred and
9 sixty dollars in each column and each grade.

1 SECTION 2. The rates in salary grades in the labor
2 service salary schedule from labor service one to labor
3 service thirteen in the minimum, interim and maximum
4 columns shall be increased in the amount of three
5 hundred and sixty dollars in each column and each
6 grade.

1 SECTION 3. The amount of three hundred and sixty
2 dollars as mentioned in sections one and two of this
3 act shall be increased by the amount of sixty dollars
4 for each two per cent rise in the cost of living as shown
5 by the combined index of the division on the neces-
6 saries of life between January first, nineteen hundred
7 and fifty-one, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
8 and fifty-one.

1 SECTION 4. Each salary grade thus established shall
2 be further increased or decreased on a quarterly basis
3 after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one,
4 by the amount of sixty dollars for each two per cent
5 change in the cost of living, as shown by the combined
6 index of the division on the necessaries of life. Any
7 adjustment made subsequent to June thirtieth, nine-
8 teen hundred and fifty-one, however, shall not result
9 in a salary level below that established in section three.

1 SECTION 5. The word "employee", as so used, in
2 addition to its usual meaning, shall also include any
3 blind person receiving wages from the division of the
4 blind.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect as of January
2 first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.