

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1419

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By Mr. Leahy of Somerville, petition of Joseph F. Leahy relative to authorizing increases of amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees and to their beneficiaries. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING INCREASES OF THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS PAYABLE TO CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN RETIRED AND TO BENEFICIARIES OF CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

*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. The amount of the pension or retire-  
2 ment allowance of any former employee, or of any  
3 beneficiary of a deceased employee, of the common-  
4 wealth, or of any county, city, town or district thereof,  
5 including teachers who at the time of retirement had  
6 creditable service amounting to at least ten years,  
7 other than those teachers who received an increase  
8 under chapter six hundred and eighty-five of the acts  
9 of nineteen hundred and forty-five, or any special law  
10 of the current year, who was retired prior to January  
11 first, nineteen hundred and fifty, under any provision  
12 of general or special law, shall be increased by two

13 hundred dollars per annum; provided, that such in-  
14 crease shall not be made in the case of a pension or re-  
15 tirement allowance which is in excess of fifteen hun-  
16 dred dollars in amount, exclusive of any amount of  
17 additional annuity obtained by special purchase as  
18 provided under paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of  
19 section twenty-two of chapter thirty-two of the Gen-  
20 eral Laws or under similar provisions of other laws;  
21 and provided, further, that no such increase shall be  
22 made which will make said pension or retirement al-  
23 lowance, excluding such additional annuity referred  
24 to above, exceed fifteen hundred dollars annually.

1 SECTION 2. — The increase of pension or retirement  
2 allowance granted by this act shall date from Septem-  
3 ber first, nineteen hundred and fifty, in the case of  
4 such employees or beneficiaries retired or pensioned  
5 under the teachers' retirement system and under the  
6 retirement system for state employees. For such em-  
7 ployees or beneficiaries retired or pensioned by any  
8 county, city, town or district, this act shall take effect  
9 when accepted in a county by the county commis-  
10 sioners thereof, in a city having a Plan E charter by  
11 the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members  
12 of the city council, and, in the case of other cities by  
13 vote of the city council subject to the provisions of  
14 the charter, in a town by a majority vote at a town  
15 meeting, and in a district by its prudential committee.  
16 At the annual town meeting in nineteen hundred and  
17 fifty this act shall be submitted on the warrant for ac-  
18 ceptance to the registered voters of each town.

1 SECTION 3. Increases in pensions or retirement al-  
2 lowances provided herein shall be in lieu of any in-

3 creases granted in the case of any person whose pension  
4 or retirement allowance has been increased under the  
5 provisions of any other general or special law of nine-  
6 teen hundred and forty-six, of nineteen hundred and  
7 forty-seven, or of the current year; provided, that a  
8 person receiving an increase under chapter four hun-  
9 dred and seventy-six of the acts of nineteen hundred  
10 and forty-six shall also receive the increase provided  
11 by this act.

1 SECTION 4. Increases in pensions or retirement  
2 allowances granted by chapter six hundred and fifteen  
3 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven shall  
4 continue to be effective in any county, city, town or  
5 district which accepted or shall accept said chapter  
6 six hundred and fifteen, until this act is accepted  
7 thereby, but not later than April first, nineteen hun-  
8 dred and fifty.

