

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1291) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to provide creditable service to certain state employees for union representation. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CREDIBLE SERVICE TO CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES FOR UNION REPRESENTATION.

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 28K of Chapter 32 of the 1996 Official Edition of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking said section and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 Section 28K. Commonwealth employees; representatives of
5 employee organization; creditable service.

6 Any employee of the commonwealth or its political subdivi-
7 sions whose service has been interrupted and during which time
8 the individual served as a full-time representative of an employee
9 organization, which has included in its membership employees of
10 the commonwealth or its political subdivisions shall be granted
11 creditable service credit for the period of his assignment as a full-
12 time representative of such employee organization. Such
13 employee shall, however, be credited with creditable service, and
14 shall contribute each month to the retirement fund in an amount
15 which he would have contributed had he remained in the service
16 of the commonwealth or its political subdivisions. Such employee
17 of the commonwealth or its political subdivisions shall be entitled
18 to all benefits and privileges, except the payment of salary as pro-
19 vided under this chapter and chapters thirty, thirty-one, and thirty-
20 two.

21 Such employee who fulfills the requirements of the preceding
22 paragraph shall be credited with creditable service for any periods
23 after January 1, 1975 and shall contribute to the retirement fund

24 an amount which he would have contributed had such employee
25 remained in the service of the commonwealth or its political sub-
26 divisions together with regular interest thereon, under the terms
27 and conditions defined by the retirement system of which he is a
28 member. This paragraph shall take effect for the members of any
29 retirement system by majority vote of the board of such system
30 subject to the approval of the legislative body. For the purpose of
31 this section legislative body shall mean the town meeting for the
32 purposes of a town system, the city council subject to the provi-
33 sions of its charter in a city system, the district meeting in a dis-
34 trict system, the county commissioners in a county system, and
35 the governing body of an authority in an authority system.
36 Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a
37 certificate of acceptance with the commissioner.