

SENATE No. 127

To accompany the petition of George H. Nelson for an amendment of the act relative to the retirement system for employees of the city of Worcester. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Retirement System for
Employees of the City of Worcester.

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 six of chapter four hun-
2 dred and ten of the acts of nineteen hundred
3 and twenty-three, as amended by section one of
4 chapter three hundred and forty-four of the acts
5 of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, is hereby
6 further amended by striking out, in the thirteenth
7 line of the second paragraph, as appearing in
8 said section one, the word "six" and inserting
9 in place thereof the word:— eight,— so that
10 said paragraph will read as follows:— The an-
11 nuity savings fund shall be the fund to which
12 shall be paid the deductions from the compensa-
13 tion of members. The treasurer of the city of
14 Worcester shall withhold five per cent of the
15 regular compensation due on each pay day to all

16 employees who are members of this retirement
17 system; provided, that employees who receive
18 more than forty dollars weekly in compensation
19 shall not be assessed for contribution to this
20 fund on the excess above that amount. No
21 member shall pay further deductions from his
22 compensation after the total sum of deductions
23 paid by him shall have amounted, with interest
24 credited thereto, to a sum sufficient to purchase
25 under section fifteen (1) (a) an annuity of eight
26 hundred dollars at age sixty, and interest there-
27 after accruing shall be paid to the member on his
28 retiring. If the accumulated deductions of any
29 employee retired hereunder exceed the amount
30 required to provide an annuity equal to one
31 fourth of the average annual rate of compensa-
32 tion of such employee during the last five years
33 prior to his retirement or resignation or dismissal
34 as provided in paragraph (2) of section ten, the
35 excess above that amount shall be paid to such
36 employee in a lump sum with the first monthly
37 payment on the account of his retirement allow-
38 ance. The amounts so withheld shall be trans-
39 ferred immediately thereafter to the retirement
40 board and credited to the account of each member
41 so contributing, and shall be paid into and be-
42 come a part of said annuity savings fund.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph (2) of section ten of
2 said chapter four hundred and ten, as amended
3 by section two of said chapter three hundred and
4 forty-four, is hereby further amended by striking

5 out, in the fifth line of said paragraph, as appear-
6 ing in said section two, the word "six" and
7 inserting in place thereof the word: — eight, —
8 so that said paragraph (2) will read as follows: —
9 (2) The sum of the accumulations applied to
10 provide the pensions under (b) and (c) of this
11 section shall not exceed the amount which at age
12 sixty, and in accordance with paragraph (1) (a)
13 of section fifteen is sufficient to provide a total
14 pension of eight hundred dollars; except, that
15 in no case shall the sum of the pensions here-
16 under exceed an amount which, when added to
17 the annual rate of annuity payable to the member
18 if he had chosen the annuity provided under
19 paragraph (1) (a) of section fifteen, would pro-
20 vide a total retirement allowance of one half the
21 average annual rate of his compensation during
22 the five years prior to retirement, or, if such
23 member resigns or is dismissed prior to the date
24 of retirement, during the five years prior to such
25 resignation or dismissal. For the purpose of
26 determining the maximum retirement allowance
27 under this section, the rate of compensation
28 received by a member on the date immediately
29 preceding a period of absence without pay shall
30 be used as the rate of pay which he would have
31 received during such absence without pay.

