

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to limit public pensions to three times the social security payment that a private worker would receive with the same contribution history

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO LIMIT PUBLIC PENSIONS TO THREE TIMES THE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT THAT A PRIVATE WORKER WOULD RECEIVE WITH THE SAME CONTRIBUTION HISTORY .

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 ONE: Section One of Chapter Thirty-Two of the General Laws of Massachusetts is
2 hereby amended by at the end the following new paragraphs:

3 “Inflation adjustment reference month”, the calendar month including the date ninety days before
4 the member’s retirement date

5 “Monthly inflation-adjusted regular compensation”, regular compensation multiplied by a fraction, the
6 numerator of which is the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in
7 the United States (“CPI-U”) for the inflation adjustment reference month, and the denominator of which
8 is the CPI-U for the compensation month; provided that for months or part-months after the inflation-
9 reference month, the fraction shall be one.

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11 “Monthly average inflation-adjusted regular compensation”, the sum of the inflation-adjusted regular
12 compensation for each month for which the member claims creditable service divided by the number of
13 said months.

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15 “Annualized average inflation-adjusted regular compensation”, the monthly average inflation-adjusted
16 regular compensation multiplied by twelve.

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18 “Seniority adjusted real compensation baseline”, annualized average inflation-adjusted regular
19 compensation multiplied by a sum, the sum being one plus a product, the product being three one
20 hundredths times the member’s years of creditable service.

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22 SECTION TWO: Section Five of Chapter Thirty-Two of the General Laws of Massachusetts by inserting
23 before the period at the end of subsection (c) by inserting the following words: “nor shall it exceed four-
24 fifths of the seniority-adjusted real compensation baseline.”

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