

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Walsh, Marian (SEN)**

*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 relative to the vesting requirements of public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Walsh, Marian (SEN)	Suffolk and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01686 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE VESTING REQUIREMENTS OF 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. Section 10 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (b 1/2) and inserting in place  
3   thereof the following paragraph:-  
  
4   (b 1/2) Any member classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4, who has completed five or more  
5   years of creditable service, and who, before attaining age fifty-five, resigns or voluntarily  
6   terminates his service and leaves his accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of  
7   the system of which he is a member, shall have the right upon attaining age fifty-five, or at any  
8   time thereafter, to apply for a termination retirement allowance to become effective as provided  
9   for in subdivision (3) of this section. Such allowance shall be determined in accordance with the  
10   provisions of section five or the provisions of any other section governing superannuation  
11   retirement applicable to such member upon the basis of such member's age on the date when the

12 retirement allowance becomes effective, with an amount of creditable service equal to that with  
13 which he was credited on the date of his termination of service. For purposes of determining a  
14 year of creditable service in this paragraph, 1000 or more hours of service in any calendar year  
15 will equal one year of creditable service.

16 SECTION 2. Paragraph (m) of subdivision (1) of Section 5 of chapter 32, as appearing in the  
17 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 186 and 189, the word "ten"  
18 and inserting in place thereof the word: - "five".