

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1222**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth J. Donnelly***

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*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:

An Act relative to the annual allowance for widows and widowers of certain public employees.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1222) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Thomas M. McGee, Jennifer L. Flanagan and Sean Garballey for legislation relative to the annual allowance for widows and widowers of certain public employees. Public Service.

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An Act relative to the annual allowance for widows and widowers of certain 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. Option (d) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the General  
2 Laws, as amended by chapter 176 of the acts of 2011, is hereby amended by inserting in the tenth  
3 paragraph after the words “or \$500” the following words:- or \$625.

4 SECTION 2. Option (d) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the General  
5 Laws, as amended by chapter 176 of the acts of 2011, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
6 eleventh paragraph the following paragraph:-

7 Beginning July 1, 2014, the normal monthly member-survivor allowance provided for  
8 under this option to a spouse of a deceased member shall not be less than \$625 for members of  
9 the state teachers’ and state employees’ retirement system. The provisions of this paragraph  
10 shall take effect for the members of a retirement system of any other political subdivision by a  
11 majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the purpose of  
12 this paragraph, local legislative body shall mean a town meeting for a town system, the city  
13 council subject to the provisions of its charter for a city system, the county retirement board  
14 advisory council for a county system, the regional retirement board advisory council for a  
15 regional system, the district members for a district system and the governing body of an authority  
16 for an authority system. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a  
17 certification of such vote with the commission.