

HOUSE No. 00746

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel K. Webster

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 pension reform .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel K. Webster</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Daniel K. Webster of Pembroke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00746) of Steven L. Levy and others relative to pension reform . Joint Committee on Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to pension reform .

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 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 4 the words “or fails of nomination or re-
3 election”.

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 22 the
5 following section:-

6 Section 23. The provisions of this chapter relating to defined benefit plans shall not apply to any
7 employee hired after July 1, 2011. They shall be covered by 401 (K) coverage with the state,
8 county, city or town providing a 7 per cent match. Any employee not vested as of July 2, 2011
9 may elect to participate in 401 (K) coverage and associated accrued defined benefits may be
10 transferred to 401 (K) coverage with state, county, city, or municipal 7 per cent match.
11 Disability pensions shall continue for such employees who sustain job related injuries that

12 prohibit them from performing work in any gainful capacity. Disability pensions shall be based
13 on the regular salary of the employee and not that of any employee he is filling in for. All
14 pension funds shall be managed by the PRIM board.

15 SECTION 3. Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by adding the following 2 sections:-

16 Section 106. Any person who knowingly provides false information to obtain pension benefits
17 or accepts unearned benefits shall be punished by imprisonment in a prison for not more than 5
18 years.

19 Section 107. Employees shall not automatically be allowed to inflate their pensions with raises
20 and additional compensation during their final year of service