

HOUSE No. 2682

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O’Flaherty relative to the retirement of certain employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY.

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. Notwithstanding Section 4 of Chapter 32 of the
2 General Laws or any other general or special laws to the contrary,
3 any employee of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority,
4 whose employment was terminated in 2003 due to a reduction in
5 force and subsequently was reinstated on or before January 01, 2005
6 shall be credited with active service for such period of unemploy-
7 ment for the purposes of said Chapter 32 if the employees pay into
8 the Retirement System Annuity Savings Fund, in 1 sum or in install-
9 ments, as said board shall determine, an amount equal to any retire-
10 ment allowance or accumulated regular deductions received by the
11 employees under said Chapter 32.

12 The employees shall also pay into the annuity savings fund, in 1
13 sum or installments, as the board shall determine, an equal amount
14 or amounts which would have been deducted from the regular com-
15 pensation of the employees for the period of time of their forced
16 unemployment had the employees been members in service during
17 that period. In addition to the payment of the amount required by the
18 preceding sentence, the employees shall also pay into said annuity
19 savings fund an amount of interest such that upon the completion of
20 such payments the value of their accumulated payments under this
21 paragraph together with regular interest thereon, shall equal the
22 value of their accumulated regular deductions for such period which
23 would have resulted if such deductions had actually been made reg-
24 ular compensation during the aforementioned period.

25 Upon the completion of the payments required hereunder, the
26 retirement board of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
27 shall grant to the employees creditable service for the period of their
28 forced unemployment, but no such credit shall be granted until such
29 payments are completed.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.