

SENATE NO. 1498

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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. Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after subparagraph (s) the following new subparagraph: (t) Any member in
3 service of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees' retirement system who, was
4 compensated for service to the commonwealth as a contract employee or as an employee of an
5 personnel provider for any department, agency, board or commission of the commonwealth may
6 establish as creditable service up to 4 years of that service if the member has 10 years of creditable
7 service with Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees' retirement system, and if the job
8 description of the member in the position which the member holds upon entry into service, re-entry
9 into or following active service is substantially similar to the job description of the position for which
10 the member was compensated as a contract employee. No credit shall be allowed until the member
11 has paid into the Annuity Savings Fund of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees'
12 retirement system before any retirement allowance becomes effective for the member, in a lump sum
13 or in installments, upon the terms and conditions that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

14 Retirement Board prescribes, makeup payments of an amount equal to that which would have been
15 withheld as regular deductions for the service as a contract employee if the service had been rendered
16 as a state employee, plus buyback interest on that amount. Eligible members who worked part-time as
17 contract employees shall be eligible for creditable service proportionately equal to their part-time
18 service.

19 Upon completion of the payments, the member shall receive the same credit for the period of previous
20 service as a contract employee as would have been allowed if the service had been rendered by the
21 member as a state employee. Members in service of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
22 retirement system who make application for this creditable service shall, subject to the rules and
23 regulations of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Retirement Board, be notified by the
24 Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Retirement Board of their eligibility for creditable service
25 and, if they are eligible, shall also be notified by the state board of retirement or Massachusetts Water
26 Resources Authority Retirement Board that they have the following options: (1) to purchase the
27 service in a lump sum within 180 days after the date of the notice; or (2) to enter into an installment
28 agreement within 180 days after the date of the notice to pay for the service. No creditable service
29 shall be allowed under this section unless the member provides documentation of the member's
30 service as a contract employee satisfying the state board of retirement's or Massachusetts Water
31 Resources Authority Retirement Board requirements.