

HOUSE No. 2686

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to late membership into the state pension system.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>1/20/2021</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2686) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to protecting the rights of certain employees not informed of the late application process for membership into the state employees retirement system. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to late membership into the state pension system.

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 3 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the word “application” the second time it appears in subsection (3), the following
3 words:-

4 “However, in the event that an employee was laid off from their position, or otherwise
5 lost their employment through no fault of their own and was previously not informed of the
6 application process for membership, that employee shall be deemed an individual that may apply
7 for and be admitted into membership.”