

SENATE No. 1413

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>7/7/2017</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1413) of Ryan C. Fattman, Richard J. Ross, Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Hannah Kane for legislation to provide for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset in Massachusetts. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset in Massachusetts.

1 **Resolved**, That a special commission is hereby established for the purposes of making an
2 investigation and study relative to the effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and
3 Government Pension Offset within the Congressional Social Security Act on employees who are
4 members of a contributory retirement system in Massachusetts, the establishment of an education
5 plan on social security offset programs and their effects on said employees, and the ability of
6 said employees to recoup benefits lost due to the Windfall Elimination Provision and
7 Government Pension Offset through the expansion of the Massachusetts Deferred Compensation
8 Save Money and Retire Tomorrow (SMART) Plan.

9 The commission shall consist of: 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be the
10 president of the senate or a designee who shall serve as co-chair, 1 of whom shall be the minority
11 leader of the senate or a designee and 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee on
12 public service or a designee; 3 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be the
13 speaker of the house or a designee who shall serve as co-chair, 1 of whom shall be the minority

14 leader of the house or a designee and 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee on
15 public service; and the treasurer and receiver-general or a designee.

16 All appointments shall be made not later than 30 days after the effective date of this
17 resolve. The chairpersons shall meet with the commission not later than 60 days after the
18 effective date of this resolve.

19 Members shall not receive compensation for their services but may receive
20 reimbursement for the reasonable expenses incurred carrying out their responsibilities as
21 members of the commission.

22 The commission shall report to the general court the result of its investigation and study
23 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
24 recommendations into effect by filing them with the clerk of the senate and clerk of the house of
25 representatives on or before June 30, 2018. The commission may issue preliminary or interim
26 reports to the general court before that date.