

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2289**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Higgins*

*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 the cost of living adjustment for local retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2289) of Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation relative to the cost of living adjustment for local retirees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1417 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to the cost of living adjustment for local retirees.

*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. Paragraph (b) of section 103 of said chapter 32, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is amended in line 24 by inserting after the word “commission’ the following  
3 words: - and to pay an annual cost of living increase of 3 per cent on a base amount of no less  
4 than \$12,000.

5 SECTION 2. Paragraph (c) of section 103 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is  
6 amended in line 36 by inserting after the word “action” the following words: - ;provided,  
7 however, that a board shall not deny a cost of living increase if the average rate of return on  
8 investments during the last two previous years equals or exceeds the average of the assumed rate  
9 of return for those two years.