

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2854**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Danielle W. Gregoire***

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*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 contributory retirement board elections.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2854) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the participation of surviving spouse beneficiaries in contributory retirement board elections. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2542 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to contributory retirement board elections.

*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 20 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is amended by inserting at  
2 the end of subdivision (4 7/8E) the following new subdivision:-

3           (4 7/8F) A surviving spouse who is receiving a retirement allowance from a contributory  
4 retirement system established under the provisions of sections one to twenty-eight, inclusive,  
5 shall be entitled to vote in the election of the third and fourth members serving on the board of  
6 such contributory retirement system.

7           SECTION 2. Paragraph (h) of section 19 of chapter 34B is amended by inserting at the  
8 end of the ninth sentence thereof the following words:- and surviving spouses who are receiving

9 a retirement allowance from a contributory retirement system established under the provisions of  
10 this chapter.

11 SECTION 3. Paragraph (i) of section 19A of chapter 34B is amended by inserting at the  
12 end of the ninth sentence thereof the following words:- , and surviving spouses who are receiving  
13 a retirement allowance from a contributory retirement system established under the provisions of  
14 this chapter.

15 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.