

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1854**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Feeney***

*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 to authorize a local option for group retirement classification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul R. Feeney*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bristol and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1854) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to authorize a local option for group retirement classification. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1670 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 to authorize a local option for group retirement classification.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after line 326 the following new paragraph:-

3 Any municipality or public authority may elect to improve the retirement group  
4 classification for any group of employees of the municipality or the public authority upon its  
5 acceptance in the following manner: in a city having a Plan D or a Plan E charter by majority  
6 vote of its city council and approved by the manager; in any other city by majority vote of the  
7 city council and approved by the mayor; in a town by vote of the board of selectmen; in a public  
8 authority by majority vote of the authority governing board. Nothing in this act shall be  
9 construed as authorization to diminish the retirement benefits of public employees by placing  
10 any group of employees in a lower group of classification.