

HOUSE No. 3177

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 17, 1962.

The committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1471) of George A. Ridder and others (selectmen) that provision be made for life tenure for the chief of police and four police officers in the town of East Bridgewater, report (in part) the accompanying bill (House, No. 3177).

For the committee,

EDWIN H. MORSE.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING UNLIMITED TENURE FOR THE REGULAR OR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, EXCEPT THE POLICE CHIEF.

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. The tenure of office of Kenneth S. Copeland, in-
2 cumbent of the office of sergeant of police of the town of East
3 Bridgewater and the tenure of office of William D. Tardie,
4 Henry B. Belcher and Robert J. Doherty, incumbents of the
5 office of police officer in said town, all being regular or perma-
6 nent members of the police force of said town shall, upon the
7 effective date of this act, hold office during good behavior until
8 they have reached age sixty-five, unless permanently incapaci-
9 tated by physical or mental disability from performing the
10 duties of said office. Said incumbents shall not be removed from
11 office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and
12 for reasons specifically given them in writing by the board of
13 selectmen.

14 The tenure of office of any regular or permanent member of
15 the police force of said town, except the police chief, appointed
16 by the board of selectmen after the effective date of this act,
17 who serves in his respective office or position for a period of
18 three consecutive years shall thereupon be unlimited subject,
19 however, to the same conditions as provided for in the first
20 paragraph of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said
2 town at the annual town meeting in the year nineteen hundred
3 and sixty-two in the form of the following question, which shall
4 be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of
5 town officers at said meeting:—"Shall an act passed by the
6 General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-two, en-
7 titled 'An Act providing unlimited tenure for the regular or per-
8 manent members of the police force of East Bridgewater, except
9 the police chief', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast
10 in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall
11 take full effect, but not otherwise.