

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1157

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By Mr. Murphy of Malden, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association for legislation to strengthen the civil service laws by setting a definite time within which vacancies shall be filled. Civil Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS BY  
SETTING A DEFINITE TIME WITHIN WHICH CERTAIN  
EXISTING VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED.

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

1 Chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 20D, inserted by section 2  
3 of chapter 703 of the acts of 1945, the following  
4 section:—

5 *Section 20E.* When a vacancy due to termination  
6 of employment or promotion occurs in any of the  
7 police or fire departments of cities or towns as are  
8 within the official service and such vacancy has been  
9 filled on a temporary basis, the proper appointing  
10 authority shall, within sixty days from the date on  
11 which the vacancy occurs, fill the same by appoint-  
12 ment on a permanent basis from the existing civil  
13 service eligible list or when there is no existing list  
14 the appointing authority shall within said sixty days  
15 request the civil service director to hold an exami-  
16 nation for the position. In the latter case he shall  
17 make the appointment on a permanent basis within  
18 thirty days of the date the list is established.

