

HOUSE No. 1831

By Mr. Beades of Boston, petition of the International Association of Firefighters, Boston Local 718, for legislation to strengthen civil service laws by setting a definite period of time within which existing vacancies shall be filled. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL SERVICE LAWS BY SETTING
A DEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN WHICH 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 chapter
3 703 of the acts of 1945, the following section:—

4 *Section 20E.* When a vacancy due to termination
5 of employment or promotion occurs in any of the fire
6 forces of cities or towns that are within the official
7 service if the funds are available, the proper appoint-
8 ing authority of the police and fire forces of such cities
9 or towns shall, within sixty days from the date on
10 which the vacancy occurs, fill same by appointment
11 from the existing civil service list.

