
By Mr. Marr of Lynn, petition of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts AFL: CIO and Francis J. Marr relative to appointments to regular police forces and fire forces in certain cities and towns. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT APPOINTMENTS TO REGULAR POLICE FORCES OR REGULAR
FIRE FORCES IN CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS.

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 20A of chapter 31, as amended by chapter 136, acts
2 of 1954, is hereby further amended by striking out the word
3 "appointment" in the several places it appears and inserting in
4 place thereof the word "promotion", — so that the section shall
5 read as follows:— *Section 20A.* In each city and town subject
6 to section twenty in which there has been established a reserve
7 police force or a reserve fire force, promotions to the regular
8 police force or the regular fire force shall be made by the ap-
9 pointing authority upon certification by the director from the
10 list of members of the reserve police force or the reserve fire
11 force, as the case may be, in accordance with the rules of the
12 commission, except that the basis of certification shall be the
13 order of appointment to such reserve force, or, if not ascertain-
14 able, the order of the respective ratings of such members ob-
15 tained in the examination upon which the list of eligibles for
16 appointment to such reserve force was based. No request of a
17 member of the reserve police force or the reserve fire force that
18 he be not certified in any instance shall be granted by the
19 director. No person who has passed his fiftieth birthday shall
20 be promoted from such a reserve force to such a regular force.
21 No member of a reserve police force who, after June first, nine-
22 teen hundred and fifty-two, and no member of a reserve fire

23 force who, after June first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three
24 having been duly certified, three times refuses permanent pro
25 motion to the regular force, shall be eligible for further certifica
26 tion. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections forty-three
27 and forty-five or any other law, members of such a reserve force
28 except those members serving in the military or naval service
29 at the time of civil service certification, refusing to accept per
30 manent promotion to the regular force on the occasion of three
31 separate certifications after said June first shall thereupon cease
32 to be a member of the reserve police force or the reserve fire
33 force, as the case may be. The appointing officer shall forward
34 to the director a notification of the termination of the service
35 of such reserve officer or fire fighter, setting forth the occasion of
36 each refusal and the date upon which the services of such officer
37 or fire fighter ceased.