

SENATE No. 227

To accompany the petition of William P. Grant that the office of chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Fall River be designated as chief of the fire department of said city and placing the office of said chief under the civil service laws. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF FALL RIVER AS CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAID CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF SAID CHIEF UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

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 chief engineer of the fire depart-
2 ment of the city of Fall River shall hereafter be desig-
3 nated as the chief of the fire department of said city.

1 SECTION 2. The office of chief of the fire depart-
2 ment of the city of Fall River shall, upon the effective
3 date of this act, become subject to the civil service
4 laws and rules and regulations relating to permanent
5 members of fire departments of cities, and the tenure
6 of office of any incumbent of said office shall be un-
7 limited, subject, however, to said laws; but the

8 person holding said office on said effective date may
9 continue to serve as such without taking a civil
10 service examination.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of said city at the regular municipal election
3 in the current year in the form of the following
4 question which shall be placed upon the official ballot
5 to be used at said election: — “Shall an act passed
6 by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred
7 and thirty-eight, entitled ‘An Act Designating the
8 Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of
9 Fall River as Chief of the Fire Department of said
10 City, and authorizing the Placing of the office of said
11 Chief under the Civil Service Laws’, be accepted?”
12 If a majority of the votes in answer to said question
13 are in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon
14 take effect, but not otherwise.