

# SENATE . . . . No. 380

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To accompany the petition of Euclide A. Fleurette and P. Eugene Casey that the office of chief of police of the town of Bellingham be placed under the civil service laws. Civil Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PLACING UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM.

*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 office of chief of police of the  
2 town of Bellingham shall, upon the effective date  
3 of this act, become subject to the civil service laws  
4 and rules and regulations relating to police officers in  
5 towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof  
6 shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws;  
7 provided, that the present incumbent of said office  
8 may continue to serve as such without taking a civil  
9 service examination.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the  
2 voters of said town at the annual town meeting in the  
3 current year in the form of the following question  
4 which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be

5 used for the election of town officers at said meeting:  
6 — “Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the  
7 year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, entitled ‘An  
8 Act placing under the Civil Service Laws the office of  
9 Chief of Police of the Town of Bellingham’, be ac-  
10 cepted?”. If a majority of the votes in answer to  
11 said question are in the affirmative, then this act shall  
12 thereupon take effect, but not otherwise.