

HOUSE No. 591

By Mr. Skerry of Medford, petition of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association for strengthening civil service laws by setting a definite time within which existing vacancies shall be filled. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL SERVICE LAWS BY SETTING
A DEFINITE PERIOD OF 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 sec-
4 tion: —

5 *Section 20E.* When a vacancy due to termination
6 of employment or promotion occurs in any of the
7 police or fire forces of cities or towns as are within the
8 official service and such vacancy has been filled on
9 a temporary basis, the proper appointing authority
10 of the police and fire forces of such cities or towns
11 shall, within sixty days from the date on which the
12 vacancy occurs, fill same by appointment on a perma-
13 ment basis from the existing civil service eligible list.

