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By Miss Ware of Abington, petition of Martha Ware for legislation to place positions of the regular or permanent members of the fire department of the town of Rockland under the civil service laws. Civil Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE POSITIONS OF THE REGULAR OR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND 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 positions of the regular or per-  
2 manent members of the fire department of the town of  
3 Rockland shall, upon the effective date of this act,  
4 become subject to the civil service laws and rules and  
5 regulations relating to firefighters in towns, and the  
6 tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be  
7 unlimited, subject, however, to said laws, but the  
8 persons holding said positions and office on said  
9 effective date shall continue to serve therein only  
10 until the expiration of their terms of office unless  
11 prior thereto they pass qualifying examinations to  
12 which they shall be subjected by the division of  
13 civil service.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the  
2 voters of said town at the next annual town meeting  
3 in the form of the following question, which shall be  
4 placed upon the official ballot to be used for the elec-  
5 tion of town officers at said meeting: — “Shall an act  
6 passed by the general court in the year nineteen hun-  
7 dred and fifty-three, entitled, ‘An Act to Authorize  
8 the Placing of the Positions of the Regular or Per-  
9 manent Members of the Fire Department of the  
10 Town of Rockland under the Civil Service Laws’, be  
11 accepted?” If a majority of the votes in answer to  
12 said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall  
13 thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.