

By Mr. Rurak, petition of Frank D. Tanner, Thomas F. Donohue and others for legislation to place the positions of all regular or permanent members of the police force of the town of North Reading under the civil service laws. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF THE POSITIONS OF ALL REGULAR OR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH READING 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 permanent mem-
2 bers of the police force, excepting the office of chief of police,
3 of the town of North Reading shall, upon the effective date of
4 this act, be subject to the civil service laws and rules relative
5 to police officers in towns, and the term of office of any incum-
6 bent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws.
7 The incumbent of each such regular or permanent position on
8 said police force on said effective date shall be subjected to a
9 qualifying examination for such position by the division of
10 civil service, and, if he passes said examination, shall be
11 deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without any pro-
12 bationary period, and his term of office shall be unlimited, sub-
13 ject, however, to the provisions of said civil service laws and
14 rules.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the
2 town of North Reading at the annual town meeting in the
3 current year in the form of the following question, which
4 shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the elec-
5 tion of officers at said meeting: — "Shall an act passed by the

6 General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty, entitled
7 'An Act authorizing the placing of the positions of all regular
8 or permanent members of the police force of the town of North
9 Reading under the civil service laws', be accepted?" If a ma-
10 jority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirma-
11 tive, this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not other-
12 wise.