The committee on Civil Service, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 168) of George E. Dalrymple, mayor, and members of the municipal council of the city of Haverhill, for legislation relative to the tenure of the present incumbent of the office of chief of the fire department of said city, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 264).

For the committee,

CHARLES A. STEVENS.
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act designating the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Haverhill as Chief of the Fire Department of Said City, and placing the Office of Said Chief under the Civil Service Laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representaties in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. The chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Haverhill shall hereafter be designated as the chief of the fire department of said city.

1 Section 2. The office of chief of the fire department of the city of Haverhill shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations relating to the appointment and removal of permanent members of fire departments of cities, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, except that he may be removed in accordance with such laws and rules and regulations; but the person holding said office on said effective date may continue to serve as such without taking a civil service examination.

1 Section 3. This act shall be submitted to the registered voters of said city at the municipal election.
tion in the current year in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election: "Shall an act of the general court passed in the current year, entitled 'An Act designating the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Haverhill as Chief of the Fire Department of Said City and placing the Office of Said Chief under the Civil Service Laws', be accepted?" If a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative in answer to said question, this act shall thereupon take effect, but not otherwise.