The committee on Civil Service, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 269) of Henry Martens, mayor of the city of Springfield, that said city be authorized to place the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief and State and military aid and supervisor of soldiers' and sailors' graves under the civil service laws, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 277).

For the committee,

CHARLES A. STEVENS.
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act subjecting the Offices of Commissioner of Soldiers' Relief and State and Military Aid and of Supervisor of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves of the City of Springfield to 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 offices of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid and of supervisor of soldiers' and sailors' graves of the city of Springfield shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations, and the terms of office of any incumbents thereof shall be unlimited, except that they may be removed in accordance with such laws and rules and regulations; but the persons holding said offices on said effective date may respectively continue therein without taking a civil service examination.

1 Section 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the registered voters of the city of Springfield at the biennial state election in the current year in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used in said city
6 at said election: "Shall an act passed by the general
7 court in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-four,
8 entitled 'An Act subjecting the Offices of Commis-
9 sioner of Soldiers' Relief and State and Military Aid
10 and of Supervisor of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves of
11 the City of Springfield to the Civil Service Laws', be
12 accepted?'" If a majority of the voters voting thereon
13 vote in the affirmative in answer to said question, this
14 act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.