

By Mr. Menton of Watertown, petition of the Watertown Fire Fighters Local 1347, AFL:CIO, for submitting to the voters of the town of Watertown the question of increasing salaries of and establishing a minimum annual salary for fire fighters and uniformed fire alarm personnel in said town. Towns.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN OF THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE SALARIES OF AND ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM ANNUAL SALARY FOR FIRE FIGHTERS AND UNIFORMED FIRE ALARM PERSONNEL IN SAID TOWN.

*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 officers and members of the fire fighting  
2 force of the fire department of the town of Watertown shall re-  
3 ceive such annual salary as shall from time to time be fixed by  
4 the board of selectmen; provided, however, that the chief of  
5 the department shall not receive as an annual salary less than  
6 eight thousand and ten dollars, nor a deputy chief less than six  
7 thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars, nor a captain less  
8 than six thousand six hundred and twenty dollars, nor a lieu-  
9 tenant less than six thousand one hundred dollars, nor the  
10 mechanician less than six thousand one hundred dollars, nor a  
11 fire fighter less than five thousand five hundred dollars after  
12 the second year of service, nor less than five thousand two hun-  
13 dred and fifty dollars during the second year of service, nor less  
14 than five thousand dollars during the first year of service.

1 SECTION 2. If a petition is obtained, signed and filed, and  
2 signatures of petitioners thereon certified, and a certificate  
3 transmitted to the state secretary, all as provided in this sec-  
4 tion, there shall be printed on the official ballot to be used in  
5 the town of Watertown at the biennial state election in the  
6 current year the following question: —

7 “Shall fire fighters and uniformed fire alarm personnel em-  
8 ployed by the town of Watertown, who now receive as a yearly  
9 salary \$4,835 after three years of service, receive an increase

10 to \$5,500 after two years of service, with a minimum of \$5,000  
 11 and \$5,250 after one year of service; the chief of the depart-  
 12 ment receive an annual salary of \$8,010; deputy chief \$6,990;  
 13 captain \$6,620; lieutenant \$6,100; and mechanic \$6,100?"  
 14 (a) A petition for the printing of such question as aforesaid  
 15 shall be issued only if, after the effective date of this section,  
 16 ten or more registered voters of the town appear together at  
 17 the office of the town clerk, and in the presence of a justice of  
 18 the peace subscribe, in substantially the following form, a re-  
 19 quest for the issuance of such petition: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF WATERTOWN

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PETITION FOR PRINTING OF QUESTION ON BALLOT.

Each of the undersigned hereby declares under the pains and penalties of per-  
 jury on the.....day of.....1960: —

1. That he is a registered voter of the town of Watertown, residing at the street  
 and number, and in the precinct, set against his name.

2. That he desires to have printed on the official ballot to be used in the town  
 of Watertown at the biennial state election to be held in the current year the  
 following question: —

*(Here insert the question set forth above in this section.)*

3. That he hereby requests the issuance of a petition for the printing of said  
 question on said ballot.

The undersigned do hereby appoint each of the following persons: — *(here insert  
 name and address of one or more persons)* as their duly authorized agents to receive  
 the petition hereby requested.

Signature of  
 Petitioner

Residence on  
 January 1, 1960

Precinct

Present  
 Residence

Signed by the subscribers appearing together at the office of the Town Clerk of  
 the town of Watertown on this ..... day of ..... 1960, in the  
 presence of

.....  
*Justice of the Peace.*

20 (b) If a request is so subscribed the town clerk shall forthwith  
 21 transmit same to the board of registrars of voters, who sha-  
 22 check each name on such request and shall certify thereon the  
 23 number of signatures so checked which are the names of regis-  
 24 tered voters of the town, and if such request contains at least  
 25 ten names certified pursuant to this paragraph the board shall  
 26 forthwith transmit to the town clerk said request, with a  
 27 certificate so stipulating.

28 The town clerk shall issue, not later than five o'clock in the  
 29 afternoon of the tenth day after the receipt of such request,  
 30 to any one of the persons specified in such request, petition  
 31 sheets, substantially in the form of nomination papers for  
 32 nomination of candidates for town office, to a number contain-  
 33 ing spaces for signatures equal in number to at least one half  
 34 of the number of persons registered to vote in the town at the  
 35 last annual town election preceding the filing of such request.  
 36 Each petition sheet shall be in substantially the following  
 37 form:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
 TOWN OF WATERTOWN

Petition for the printing of a certain question on the ballot to be used in the town of Watertown at the State Election to be held on November 8, 1960.

TO THE TOWN CLERK:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the town of Watertown, hereby petition that there be printed on the official ballot to be used in the town of Watertown at the biennial state election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 1960, the following question: —

*(Here insert the question set forth in the first paragraph of section 2 of this act)*

Signatures of Petitioners (To be signed in person with name as registered)	Residence January 1, 1960 (If registered after above date, residence when registered)	Precinct	Present Residence
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss. WATERTOWN, 19 .

The undersigned, being the circulator or circulators of this sheet, severally certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the persons whose names are written upon the lines the numbers of which appear opposite our signatures below, signed the same in person.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS CIRCULATING THIS SHEET.	NUMBERS OF LINES UPON WHICH APPEAR SIGNATURES AS TO WHICH CERTIFICATION IS MADE HEREBY.
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NAME	ADDRESS
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*(Add here or at some other convenient place on petition sheet the following) —*

This petition sheet filed by

.....  
*(Signature of Filer)*  
 .....  
*(Number, Street, Town)*

38 Each petition sheet shall, before issuance, be prepared by the  
39 registrars of voters by making the insertion required by the  
40 foregoing form. No petition sheet shall be valid unless pre-  
41 pared and issued by the board of registrars of voters.

42 (c) A petition for the printing of said question as aforesaid  
43 shall be signed by registered voters of the town to a number  
44 equal at least to five per cent of the persons registered to vote  
45 in the town at the biennial state election next preceding the  
46 filing of the petition. Every voter signing such a petition shall  
47 sign in person, with his name as registered, and shall state his  
48 residence on January first preceding, or his residence when  
49 registered if subsequent thereto, and the place where he is then  
50 living, with the street and number, if any; but any voter who  
51 is prevented by physical disability from writing may authorize  
52 some person to write his name and residence in his presence.  
53 The signature of any petitioner which is not certified by the  
54 circulator of the sheet as provided in the form set forth in the  
55 first paragraph of this section shall not be counted in deter-  
56 mining the number of petitioners. If the name of any voter  
57 appears as petitioner on the same petition more than once, it  
58 shall be deemed to appear but once.

59 (d) The separate sheets of a petition for the printing of said  
60 question as aforesaid shall be filed all together with the board  
61 of registrars of voters at or before five o'clock in the afternoon  
62 of July twenty-sixth in the current year. Every sheet of such  
63 petition shall be signed by the person filing such petition who,  
64 if he is other than the person appointed to receive the petition  
65 upon the issuance thereof, shall add to his signature his place  
66 of residence, giving street and number, if any; and the board  
67 of registrars of voters shall require satisfactory identification  
68 of such person. Such petition shall, when filed, be a matter  
69 of public record; but such petition shall not be open to public  
70 inspection until the signatures thereon have been certified.

71 (e) Upon the filing of a petition for the printing of said ques-  
72 tion as aforesaid the board of registrars of voters shall check  
73 each name to be certified by it on such petition and shall certify  
74 thereon the number of signatures so checked which are the  
75 names of registered voters of the town; provided, however,  
76 that said board shall not certify a greater number of names  
77 than required by paragraph (c) with one fifth of such number  
78 added thereto. Names not certified in the first instance shall

79 not thereafter be certified on the same petition. A petition not  
80 containing names certified pursuant to this paragraph, to the  
81 number required by said paragraph (c), shall be invalid. The  
82 board shall complete the certification required by this para-  
83 graph at or before five o'clock in the afternoon of August  
84 twenty-third in the current year.

85 (f) A petition for the printing of said question as aforesaid  
86 which has been filed and is in apparent conformity with law  
87 shall be deemed to be valid unless written objection thereto is  
88 made by a registered voter of the town. Such objection shall  
89 be filed with the board of registrars at or before five o'clock in  
90 the afternoon of August thirtieth in the current year. Any  
91 general or special law to the contrary notwithstanding, ob-  
92 jections filed with the said board shall forthwith be considered  
93 by the board, which shall not later than September thirteenth  
94 in the current year render its decision on such objections stating  
95 its finding as to the validity of the petition. In all matters re-  
96 lating to such objections, said board shall have the powers and  
97 perform the duties prescribed for such boards with respect to  
98 objections to nomination papers, under the provisions of sec-  
99 tion twelve of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws; and  
100 the decision of said board shall be final except that it shall be  
101 subject to judicial review under section fourteen of chapter  
102 thirty A of the General Laws. Certification pursuant to para-  
103 graph (e) shall not preclude a voter from filing objections to  
104 the validity of such petition.

105 (g) If such petition is either deemed or found to be valid  
106 under paragraph (f), the board shall transmit to the state secre-  
107 tary not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of September  
108 twenty-seventh in the current year a certificate of the filing of  
109 a petition in conformity with this section, of the certification of  
110 signatures of petitioners thereon to the number required by  
111 paragraph (c) and of the deeming or finding of such petition to  
112 be valid under paragraph (f).

1 SECTION 3. Section two of this act shall take effect upon  
2 its passage. Section one of this act shall take effect on the  
3 first Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-one,  
4 if the aforesaid question is printed on the official ballot to be  
5 used in the town of Watertown at the biennial state election  
6 in the current year and a majority of votes cast in answer to  
7 such question at such election are in the affirmative.





