

By Mr. Lussier of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas R. Lussier relative to reduction in rank for certain public employees. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REDUCTION IN RANK FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS.

*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. Section 39 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by amended by adding at the end thereof  
3 the following new paragraph: —

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or any  
5 other law to the contrary, in the municipal police and fire service of  
6 the Commonwealth, demotions due to reductions in force, in all  
7 ranks above the lowest full time rank of such service, and any  
8 subsequent reinstatements, shall be based solely on seniority in  
9 rank after permanent promotion.

10 In the determination of seniority in rank higher than the lowest  
11 full time rank of such service, the time in rank of any employee  
12 shall include the accumulated permanent time in any rank above  
13 the said higher rank.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

