

HOUSE No. 1121

By Mr. O'Brien of Easthampton, petition of Michael T. O'Brien that the office of chief of police in certain towns be placed under the civil service laws. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PLACING UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE IN CERTAIN TOWNS.

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 office of chief of police in any
2 town of the commonwealth having a population of
3 twenty-five hundred or more, if the present incumbent
4 of said office has been holding the same for a period of
5 not less than five years, shall, upon the effective date
6 of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and
7 rules and regulations relating to police officers in
8 towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent
9 thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said
10 laws, but the present incumbent of said office may
11 continue to serve as such without taking a civil service
12 examination.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of each of such towns at its annual town meeting
3 in the current year in the form of the following ques-
4 tion, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to
5 be used for the election of town officers at said meet-
6 ing: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the
7 year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight entitled 'An
8 Act providing for the placing under the Civil Service
9 Laws the Office of Chief of Police in Certain Towns',
10 be accepted?" In each such town in which a majority
11 of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirm-
12 ative, then this act shall thereupon take effect therein,
13 but not otherwise.