

HOUSE No. 1021.

[House, No. 1005, as passed to be engrossed.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To extend the provisions of the Civil Service Law to
the Police and Fire Forces of 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 provisions of chapter three
2 hundred and twenty of the acts of the year eigh-
3 teen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act to
4 improve the civil service of the Commonwealth
5 and the cities thereof," and all acts in amendment
6 thereof, and the civil service rules thereunder
7 which relate to the police and fire forces of cities
8 of the Commonwealth other than the city of
9 Boston, are hereby extended and made applicable
10 to all members of the regular or permanent police
11 and fire forces, or to the call fire force, or to either

12 of said forces, in every town in the Commonwealth
13 in which this act shall be accepted by a majority
14 of the legal voters present and voting thereon at
15 an annual town meeting.

1 SECTION 2. Any town shall have the right in
2 any such vote to limit the application of said
3 chapter three hundred and twenty and of the civil
4 service rules thereunder to the police force or to
5 the fire force of such town, or to require the appli-
6 cation thereof to both of said forces.

1 SECTION 3. Upon such vote, each member
2 of the force or forces included in it, and within
3 the classified civil service, shall continue to hold
4 his respective office until death, resignation or
5 removal.

1 SECTION 4. No member of either of said
2 forces so included by vote of the town, and
3 within the civil service law and rules, shall be
4 removed except for cause shown after a full hear-
5 ing before the board or official of said town
6 having power to make removals, at which hear-
7 ing the member in question shall have the right
8 to be present and to be represented by counsel.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of any town at any annual town meeting,
3 or at any special meeting called therefor; and

4 shall take effect in any town upon its acceptance
5 by a majority of the voters voting thereon in
6 such town.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage, except as otherwise herein provided.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 19, 1901.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

JAMES W. KIMBALL, *Clerk.*

