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[Bill accompanying the petition of Frederick Fosdick and others for legislation to establish a tenure of office for members of regular police forces in cities. Cities. January 30.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

### AN ACT

To establish a Tenure of Office for Members of Regular Police Forces in Certain Cities that are under the Civil Service Law.

*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. All members of the regular police  
2 force that are under the civil service law, of any  
3 city of the Commonwealth, except the city of  
4 Boston, shall hold office during good behavior,  
5 and until removed by the appointing and confirm-  
6 ing power of such city for cause deemed suffi-  
7 cient, after due notice and hearing, at which the  
8 accused shall have the right to be present and  
9 represented by counsel.

1 SECTION 2. All provisions of any general or  
2 special act inconsistent herewith are hereby re-  
3 pealed as to any city accepting this act.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall  
2 apply and be in force in any city of the Common-  
3 wealth, not having a permanent tenure of office,  
4 when it shall have been accepted by vote of the  
5 city council of such city at any legal meeting  
6 thereof.