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Bill accompanying the petition of Willis W. Stover and another for legislation relative to the appointment of staff officers of the militia. Military Affairs. January 15.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Appointment of Staff Officers of the Militia after One Year's Service.

*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 one of chapter two hundred and  
2 ninety-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
3 ten is hereby amended by adding the words "for the  
4 term of one year" to the end of section, — so as to read  
5 as follows: — *Section 42.* The staff of the commander-  
6 in-chief shall be appointed by him; the staff of a brigade,  
7 by the brigadier general commanding; the staff of a regi-  
8 ment of infantry, battalion of artillery, squadron of cav-  
9 alry, corps of cadets, the naval brigade, or unattached  
10 company, by the permanent commander thereof; and  
11 they shall be commissioned by the commander-in-chief  
12 on the request of the appointing officers.

13 All officers in the staff corps and departments shall be  
14 examined as required for staff officers, other than the  
15 staff of the commander-in-chief, and the appointments  
16 made in pursuance of general order number twenty-four  
17 adjutant general's office, series of nineteen hundred and  
18 seven, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

19 No person shall be eligible to be appointed as a staff  
20 officer, or as a staff corps officer, or, with the exception of  
21 medical officers, as a department officer, unless he has  
22 served in the regular or volunteer naval or military  
23 forces of the United States, or in the militia or naval  
24 militia of some state thereof, for the term of one year.

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