

HOUSE No. 1172

By Messrs. Hannon and McMahon of Boston, petition of Thomas J. Hannon, Jr., for legislation to establish the rating of detectives in the police department of the city of Boston. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RATING OF "DETECTIVE" IN THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established in the Boston police
2 department, the rating of "detective". Any present
3 member of the department who has served as a
4 "special officer" so called for a period of ten years,
5 shall ex facto, qualify for such rating, and the com-
6 missioner of civil service shall likewise be authorized
7 to hold an examination and establish a list for such
8 rating. Appointments to this rating may, until nine-
9 teen hundred and forty-two, be made either from
10 the "ex facto" list or from the civil service list.
11 After nineteen hundred and forty-two, all such ap-
12 pointments shall be from the civil service list. The
13 pay of such "detective" shall be established by the
14 mayor of the city of Boston with the approval of
15 the city council.

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The Constitution of the United States

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. It is the foundation of the government and the rights of the people. It is the document that defines the structure and powers of the federal government and the relationship between the federal government and the states. The Constitution is a living document that has been amended several times since its adoption in 1787. The amendments have expanded the rights of the people and the powers of the government. The Constitution is the cornerstone of American democracy and the source of the rights and freedoms that we enjoy today.