

HOUSE No. 1718

By Mr. McGinn of Westfield, petition of the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association and others for an amendment of the law providing for the election of representative bargaining agents within political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE ELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVE BARGAINING AGENTS WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

1 Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 763
2 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further amended by striking out
3 subsection (4) of section 178H, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following new subsection:—

5 (4) The commission shall decide in each case whether the
6 appropriate unit for purposes of collective bargaining shall be
7 the municipal employer unit or any other unit thereof; pro-
8 vided, uniformed employees of the fire department shall be in
9 separate unit or units; and provided, further, that no unit shall
10 include both professional and nonprofessional employees unless
11 a majority of such professional employees vote for inclusion in
12 such unit.

