

HOUSE No. 2082

By Mr. Quinn of Boston, petition of Robert H. Quinn for legislation to prohibit the establishment of certain residency requirements for appointment as a police officer under the civil service law. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT AS A POLICE OFFICER UNDER 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. Chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 48 the following
3 section:—

4 *Section 48A.* No applicant for appointment to the police
5 force of a city or town shall be required, by rule or otherwise,
6 to be a resident of such city or town at the time of filing his
7 application for examination for such appointment. The com-
8 mission may by rule require that any such applicant shall
9 have resided in the commonwealth for one year prior to filing
10 such application.

1 SECTION 2. If one or more persons resident in said city or
2 town for two or more years immediately prior to becoming
3 applicants for such appointment have the same standing as
4 one or more other persons, the director of civil service, in
5 establishing such list of eligibles, shall place the name or
6 names of the person or persons so resident ahead of the name
7 or names of such other person or persons.

