

By Mr. Bresnahan of Lawrence, petition of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, Inc., for legislation relative to the powers and duties of heads of police departments. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEADS OF CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

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 97 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 6, the words "The selectmen" and
4 inserting in place thereof the words:—The chief of police.

1 SECTION 2. Section 97A of said chapter 41 as most recently
2 amended by chapter 595 of the acts of 1948, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:—The chief of police
5 shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing
6 the police department and the officers thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 8 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4 the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 4A.* He shall appoint a chief who shall make
5 suitable regulations governing the capitol police and he shall
6 be in immediate control of all property used by them.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 28 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4 the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 4A.* The commissioner shall appoint a superin-
5 tendent who shall make suitable regulations governing the
6 police and who shall be in immediate control of all property
7 used by them.

