

HOUSE No. 1038

By Mr. Matrango of North Adams, petition of Frank J. Matrango relative to prohibiting 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 Seventy-One.

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 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 99A the following section: —

3 *Section 99B.* The commission shall not, by rule or other-
4 wise, require that an applicant for appointment to the police
5 force of a city or town reside therein. An applicant for
6 appointment need not be a resident of the Commonwealth at
7 the time of his application.

8 This section shall not prevent a city or town from setting up
9 reasonable residency requirements for the period after an appli-
10 cant has been accepted as a regular police officer in said city or
11 town, nor shall it effect Chapter 41 Section 99A.

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