

By Mr. Cain of Wilmington, petition of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association that chiefs of police in cities and towns be given tenure of office after five years of service. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING TENURE FOR POLICE CHIEFS AFTER FIVE YEARS SERVICE.

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 97A the following section: —

3 *Section 97B.* Every chief of police who has served therein
4 continuously not less than five years shall, notwithstanding any
5 contrary provision of general or special laws, hold office during
6 good behavior until he has attained the age of seventy in any
7 city or town in which this section is accepted as hereinafter
8 provided, but subject, however, to retirement under the provi-
9 sions of any applicable general or special law relative to retire-
10 ment systems.

11 The acceptance of this section and the procedures for re-
12 moval or suspension of a chief of police following such accep-
13 tance shall be governed by the corresponding provisions appli-
14 cable to city and town clerks pursuant to sections nineteen C
15 and nineteen D.

