

By Messrs. McKenna of Springfield and Balthazar of Hudson, petition of Arthur J. McKenna and Wilfred E. Balthazar for legislation to clarify the provisions of the civil service law relative to residency requirements for appointment to the police force of a city or town. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW  
RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
THE POLICE FORCE OF A CITY OR TOWN.

*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 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 48A, as most recently amended by chapter 746 of  
3 the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section:—

5 *Section 48A.* No applicant for appointment to the police  
6 force of a city or town shall be required by rule, or otherwise, to  
7 be a resident of such city or town at the time of filing his ap-  
8 plication for examination for such appointment; provided,  
9 however, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
10 special law to the contrary, any person who receives an appoint-  
11 ment to the police force of a city or town shall within nine  
12 months after his appointment establish his residence within such  
13 city or town or at any other place in the commonwealth that is  
14 within ten miles of the perimeter of such city or town. The  
15 commission may by rule require that any such applicant shall  
16 have resided in the commonwealth for one year prior to filing  
17 such application. The names of persons who have resided in a  
18 city or town for six months immediately prior to filing their  
19 applications for examination who are otherwise eligible shall be  
20 placed on the list of eligible applicants ahead of the name of any  
21 person not so residing.

