

By Mr. Collins of Boston, petition of Martin E. Pierce that the civil service laws be strengthened by setting a definite period of time within which existing vacancies shall be filled. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL SERVICE LAWS BY SETTING
A DEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME WITH WHICH EXISTING
VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED.

*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
2 by inserting after section 20D, inserted by chapter
3 703 of the acts of 1945, the following section: —
4 *Section 20E.* When a vacancy due to termination
5 of employment or promotion occurs in any of the
6 police or fire forces of cities or towns as are within
7 the official service if the funds are available, the proper
8 appointing authority of the police and fire forces of
9 such cities or towns shall, within sixty days from the
10 date on which the vacancy occurs, fill same by appoint-
11 ment from the existing civil service eligible list.

