

HOUSE No. 286.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 19, 1886.

The Committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the Bill to define the laws preferring honorably discharged soldiers and sailors in appointments to and promotions in office, introduced on leave in the House, report that the bill ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

HAZARD STEVENS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six.

AN ACT

To prefer honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors
in Appointments to and Promotions in Office.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 All persons who served in the army or navy
2 of the United States in time of war, and
3 were honorably discharged therefrom, and who
4 shall have passed the examinations provided
5 in chapter three hundred and twenty of the acts
6 of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, en-
7 titled "An Act to improve the civil service of the
8 Commonwealth and the cities thereof," and the
9 rules of the civil service commissioners made
10 pursuant to said act, shall have and receive a
11 preference of five per cent. of the maximum rate
12 for each year, or fraction thereof, of such service,
13 in their marking or rating, in addition to that
14 earned by said examinations, and such persons

15 shall be preferred in appointments to office, in
16 employment in the public service, and in promo-
17 tions in office, over other persons having an equal
18 or lower rating, and persons thus preferred shall
19 not be disqualified from holding a position in the
20 civil service on account of any physical disability:
21 *provided*, such disability does not render them
22 incompetent to perform the duties of such office.

