

HOUSE No. 218.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 9, 1888.

The Committee on Cities, to whom were referred the petitions of the mayor and aldermen of Malden, the mayor and aldermen of Newton, the mayor and aldermen of Newburyport, the mayor and aldermen of Gloucester, the mayor and aldermen of Somerville, the mayor and aldermen of Worcester, the mayor and aldermen of Haverhill, the mayor and aldermen of Holyoke, the mayor and aldermen of New Bedford, and W. H. Fox and others of Taunton, for a general law relative to the removal and tenure of office of police in the various cities of the Commonwealth, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WINFIELD S. SLOCUM.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

In relation to the Tenure of Office of Police in the
Various Cities of the Commonwealth.

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

1 SECTION 1. All members of the regular police
2 force, excepting the city marshal or chief of
3 police, in any city, excepting Boston, accepting
4 the provisions of this section, shall hold their re-
5 spective offices until they resign therefrom or are
6 removed by the mayor of such city with the con-
7 sent of the board of aldermen for cause in their
8 opinion sufficient and after a due hearing.

1 SECT. 2. The city marshal or chief of police,
2 in any city, excepting Boston, accepting the pro-
3 visions of this section, shall hold his office until
4 he shall resign therefrom or be removed by the

5 mayor of such city with the consent of the board
6 of aldermen for cause in their opinion sufficient
7 and after a due hearing.

1 SECT. 3. The preceding sections shall be in
2 force in those cities only which shall have
3 adopted said sections, and any city may by vote
4 of its city council adopt the same or either of
5 them.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

