

By Mr. Goulston of Stoughton, petition of Paul M. Goulston (by vote of the town) that the office of chief of police of the town of Stoughton be exempt from the civil service law and rules, Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE LAWS AND RULES.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the  
2 contrary, the office of chief of police of the town of Stoughton shall  
3 be exempt from the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General  
4 Laws; provided, however, that said chief of police may be removed  
5 from said office by the town manager upon a finding by him after a  
6 hearing that the public interest so requires said removal. Said  
7 hearing shall be public upon the written request of the chief of  
8 police made prior to the commencement of said hearing.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the  
2 contrary the town manager of the town of Stoughton is hereby  
3 authorized to prescribe the duties, authority, and compensation of  
4 the office of chief of police of said town. Any person to be  
5 appointed after the present incumbent to the office of said chief of  
6 police shall have at the time of said appointment served for a  
7 period of no fewer than seven years in a federal, state, county or  
8 local police agency in the United States and for at least two years  
9 prior to such appointment held the permanent rank of lieutenant  
10 or above.

