
To accompany the petition of Joseph A. Langone, Jr., that non-competitive examinations for appointments to positions in the classified civil service be abolished. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ABOLISHING NON-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE.

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. Chapter thirty-one of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 four, as amended, the following new section:—

4 *Section 4A.* No rule or regulation made by the
5 board shall authorize non-competitive examinations
6 regulating the selection of persons to fill appointive
7 positions in the classified civil service.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter thirty-one is hereby
2 further amended by striking out section fifteen, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 15.* No person shall be appointed to any
6 position in the classified civil service except upon
7 certification by the commissioner from an eligible

8 list in accordance with the rules of the board; but
9 if there is no suitable eligible list, or if the commis-
10 sioner is unable to comply with a requisition in ac-
11 cordance with the rules of the board, the commis-
12 sioner, subject to section twenty-five, may authorize
13 a provisional appointment, appointment to be subject
14 to the rules of the board. Within five days after the
15 certification of persons for appointment or employ-
16 ment the commissioner shall make a record of the
17 persons so certified. If the appointing officer rejects
18 all the persons certified he shall so notify the com-
19 missioner.