

By Mr. Belmonte of Framingham, petition of Robert A. Belmonte for legislation relative to eligibility in promotional civil service examinations. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELIGIBILITY IN PROMOTIONAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

*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 15 of chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first sentence in paragraph B  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following new para-  
4 graph:—

5 B. Except as authorized in paragraph A, and except as  
6 otherwise provided in section twenty, all promotions in the  
7 official service shall be made after a competitive promotional  
8 examination open in succession to all permanent employees  
9 who have been employed after certification for at least one  
10 year in equal grades or in the next lower grades, including  
11 pay grades or salary classifications as appropriate and effec-  
12 tive in restoring the eligibility for promotional examinations  
13 of those in equal or lower numbered pay grades, regardless of  
14 title, as determined by the director, in the same department  
15 or division of a department, until a sufficient number of  
16 applicants to hold a competitive examination is obtained. In  
17 case an eligible list of at least two available persons is not  
18 established from such promotional examination, then a com-  
19 petitive promotional examination may be held open to any  
20 class with the service of the same or any other department, or  
21 division of a department, as the director may determine. In  
22 case an eligible list of at least two available persons is not  
23 established from either of such promotional examinations, the  
24 positions shall be filled after open competitive examination;  
25 provided, that if there be one person on either eligible list, the  
26 director shall certify such person.

