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By Mr. Richard F. Finnigan of Boston, petition of Richard F. Finnigan that public employees elected to public offices be granted leaves of absence. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SHALL BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE IF HE IS ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE IN 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 Chapter 30 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 24C the following section:—

3 *Section 24D.* Any person who is employed by any public agen-  
4 cy of the commonwealth or of its political subdivisions shall, if  
5 he is elected to any public office in the commonwealth, be given a  
6 leave of absence during the period for which he is elected. Any such  
7 person shall, within thirty days after he has terminated his elected  
8 position, have the option to return to his former position without  
9 loss of tenure, seniority, promotional, retirement or other rights  
10 which have accrued.

