

HOUSE No. 938

By Mr. Lombardi of Cambridge, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association that certain public employees be granted leaves of absence for the purpose of being candidates for elective public office. Civil Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES WHO HOLD PERMANENT OFFICES OR POSITIONS UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND RULES SHALL, UPON THEIR REQUEST, BE GRANTED LEAVES OF ABSENCE THEREFROM FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE.

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 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after the last paragraph the following new paragraph:—
3 Notwithstanding the provision of any local rule, ordinance or
4 by-law to the contrary, any public official or employee who
5 holds permanent office or position in the classified civil service
6 or in the labor service shall, upon his written request, made to
7 the appointing authority, be granted a leave of absence, with-
8 out pay, from such office or position for a period not exceeding
9 three months to enable him to be a candidate for elective public
10 office.

11 He shall not be suspended or discharged from such office or
12 position, and shall suffer no loss of civil service rights as a
13 result of such leave of absence.

