

HOUSE No. 4465

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber and Patricia D. Jehlen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2024</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2024</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4465) of Christine P. Barber and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police in said city. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, Charles J.
2 Femino, Acting Chief of Police of the City of Somerville, who had previously retired and has
3 currently waived his retirement allowance pursuant to G. L. c. 32, § 90B, while working as the
4 Acting Chief, may continue to serve in such position until the date on which a permanent Police
5 Chief is appointed, he is relieved of his duties by the mayor, or he reaches the age sixty-eight,
6 whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of
7 performing the duties of such position. The mayor may, at the expense of the city, require him to
8 be examined by an impartial physician designated by the mayor to determine such capability. No
9 further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Charles J. Femino under
10 Chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed subsequent to his reaching age 65 and

11 upon retirement Charles J. Femino shall resume a superannuation retirement allowance equal to
12 that of his pre waiver rate.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.