

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Hunt

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 to provide residency preference for the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide for residency preference for appointment at the police and fire departments of the city of Boston. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2687 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide residency preference for the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department.

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. As used in this act, the following words shall have the following meanings:

2 “Residence,” the actual principal residence of the individual where he or she normally
3 eats and sleeps and maintains his or her normal personal and household effects.

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any person
5 seeking original appointment to the position of police officer or firefighter in the City of Boston
6 will have a preference if that person has had residence in the City of Boston for three (3)
7 continuous years immediately prior to the date of that person’s respective Civil Service
8 examination. Any person seeking original appointment to the position of police officer or
9 firefighter in the City of Boston will not have a preference if that person has not had residence in

10 the City of Boston for three (3) continuous years prior to the date of that person's respective
11 Civil Service examination.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.