

SENATE No. 2396

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 exempting the town of Tewksbury from the provisions of the civil service law with regard to the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Barry R. Finegold

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2396) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the town of Tewksbury from the provisions of the civil service law with regard to the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act exempting the town of Tewksbury from the provisions of the civil service law with regard to the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers.

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 the provisions of any general or special law or rule to the
2 contrary, the Town of Tewksbury shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws for the
3 purposes of recruiting and hiring the position of permanent full-time police officer; provided,
4 however, that such hiring shall occur only after a competitive process implemented by the
5 appointing authority of the Town; provided, further that such competitive process shall offer
6 preference to residents of the Town of Tewksbury or veterans of the United States military; and
7 provided, further that following (1) an original appointment as a permanent full-time police
8 officer and graduation from a police academy or (2) a permanent full-time position transfer from
9 another police department, said police officer shall engage in the actual performance of the
10 duties of such position for a probationary period of twelve (12) months, whereupon after
11 completion of the probationary period, or extended probationary period, the police officer shall

12 be considered a full-time tenured civil service employee in said position under chapter 31 of the
13 General Laws.

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