

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1260**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Steven A. Baddour***

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*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 relative to civil service hearings..**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Steven A. Baddour*

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By Mr. Baddour, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1260) of Baddour for legislation relative to civil service hearings [Joint Committee on Public Service].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1007 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to civil service hearings..

*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.

2           Section 41 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
3 is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence, the following sentence:- Said hearing  
4 shall be commenced in not less than 10 nor more than 15 days after the appointing authority  
5 gives the employee written notice and once the hearing has commenced it shall be continuous for  
6 not more than thirty days until the hearing is completed.

7           Section 2.

8           Section 43 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
9 is hereby amended by deleting the second sentence and inserting in its place, the following  
10 sentence:- Said hearing shall be commenced in not less than three nor more than ten days after

11 filing of such appeal and once the hearing has commenced it shall be continuous for not more  
12 than sixty days until the hearing is completed unless, in either case, both parties shall otherwise  
13 agree in a writing filed with the commission that a continuance due to emergency or other  
14 exigent circumstances is necessary or advisable.