

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3287**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.***

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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 the 1-year residency preference for persons being considered for original appointment to the Cambridge Police Force and Fire Force.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*26th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3287) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to establish a one year residency requirement for police and fire department applicants. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4043 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the 1-year residency preference for persons being considered for original appointment to the Cambridge Police Force and Fire Force.

*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 section 58 of chapter 31 of the General  
2 Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the personnel administrator of the  
3 human resources division, when certifying names to the appointing authority of the city of  
4 Cambridge for the city’s police force and fire force, upon written request of the appointing  
5 authority, shall place the names of all persons who were residents of the city of Cambridge at the  
6 time of obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent, but who thereafter left the city of  
7 Cambridge to pursue higher education, vocational education or training, military service or other  
8 life experience or employment, within 10 years from the date of obtaining a high school diploma  
9 or its equivalent as of the date of the examination, on the eligible list for original appointment to

10 the police force or fire force of the city of Cambridge, in the same manner set forth in said  
11 section 58 of said chapter 31 as if the person had been a resident of the city of Cambridge for a  
12 period of 1 year immediately prior to the date of examination.

13 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any  
14 person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this act and the  
15 applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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