

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3537**

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**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 increase residency preference for appointment at Boston Police Department and Boston Fire Department to three years.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3537) of Daniel J. Hunt and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to increase residency preference for appointment at the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department to three years. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to increase residency preference for appointment at Boston Police Department and Boston Fire Department to three years.

*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 prior to the date of that person's respective Civil Service examination. Any  
8 person seeking original appointment to the position of police officer or firefighter in the City of  
9 Boston will not have a preference if that person has not had residence in the City of Boston for  
10 three (3) continuous years prior to the date of that person's respective Civil Service examination.

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