

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner

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 continuing the employment of police chief Edward Walsh in the city of Taunton until attaining the age of 70.

PETITION OF:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Bristol and Plymouth

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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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 any general or special law to the contrary, Edward J.
2 Walsh, chief of police for the city of Taunton, may continue to serve in that position until
3 attaining the age of 70, the date of his retirement, or the date he is relieved of duties by the
4 appointing authority for the police chief of the city of Taunton, whichever occurs first; provided,
5 however that Edward J. Walsh is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his
6 office. The appointing authority may require at the city's own expense, that Edward J. Walsh be
7 examined annually by a physician approved by said appointing authority, to determine such
8 physical and mental capability. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular
9 compensation of Edward J. Walsh pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws.

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