

HOUSE No. 2946

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 pertaining to police and firefighter residency requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2946) of Nick Collins relative to residency requirements for police officers and fire fighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2496 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act pertaining to police and firefighter residency requirements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws, be amended by striking Section 99A:

2 “CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND
3 DISTRICTS

4 POLICE OFFICERS

5 Chapter 41: Section 99A. Members of regular police or fire department and fire alarm
6 division; residence outside city or town

7 Section 99A. Any member of the regular police or fire department and fire alarm division
8 of a city or town appointed subsequent to August first, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight shall
9 reside within fifteen miles of the limits of said city or town. Said distance shall be measured from
10 the closest border limits of said city or town in which said member is employed to the closest

11 border limits of the city or town in which said member lives; provided however, if any said city
12 or town by local ordinance or by-law to which the provisions of paragraph (d) of section seven of
13 chapter one hundred and fifty E of the General Laws shall apply, or by collective bargaining
14 agreement shall require the members of a regular police or fire department appointed on or after
15 August first, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight to be residents of such city or town, the
16 provision of such local ordinance, by-law or collective bargaining agreement shall supersede the
17 provision of this section and provided further such local ordinance, by-law or collective
18 bargaining agreement shall apply only to those members of a regular police or fire department
19 appointed subsequent to the adoption of such local ordinance, by-law or collective bargaining
20 agreement.”