

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill Number:** H.2992

**Title:** *An Act authorizing the appointment or retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Brookline*

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Tommy Vitolo (*Brookline*)

**Hearing Date:** July 9, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** September 7, 2025

**Prior History:**

New File

**SUMMARY:**

The bill allows the Chief of police of Brookline, with approval of the town administrator to appoint retired Brookline police officers to perform police details or any duties that arise from detail work. The police chief will establish rules, procedures, and policies to implement this. Police officers may be appointed if they are retired on superannuation retirement, served as regular Brookline police officers, and have been retired for 5 years or less. A retired officer must pass a medical examination to determine whether they can perform the essential duties of a special police officer. The cost of the examination will be paid by the retired officer. If they are appointed, they can serve until attaining age 70. Special police officers will not be subject to civil service law (chapter 31), chapter 150E, Chapter 151A, or section 99A of chapter 41. Sections 100 and 111F of chapter 41 and sections 85H and 85H1/2 of chapter 32 and section 96B of chapter 41 will not apply to these special police officers. Special police officers working under this act will be subject to limits on hours worked and payments to retired town employees under paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32.

This act will take effect upon its passage.