

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3748**

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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 provide residency preference for the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3748) of Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to provide for residency preference for appointment at the police and fire departments of the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to provide residency preference for the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department.

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

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