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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Downing**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating the appointment of police officers.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Downing | Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S02831 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act further regulating the appointment of police officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out in the last sentence the word “twenty-first” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - “nineteenth.”

SECTION 2. Section 58 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, is hereby further amended by adding: - “No person shall be eligible for original appointment to the position of police officer in any city or town until that person has reached the age of twenty-one.”