

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1941**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of police chief Thomas Austin.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Benjamin B. Downing*

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

*Stephen Kulik*

*1st Franklin*

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1941) of Benjamin B. Downing and Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of police chief Thomas Austin. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of police chief Thomas Austin.

*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, Thomas Austin,  
2 chief of the Police Department of the Town of Middlefield, may each continue to serve in such  
3 position until September 27, 2019, until the date of his retirement or until the date he is relieved  
4 of his duties by the Select Board, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally  
5 and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. The Select Board may, at its own  
6 expense, require that Thomas Austin be examined by an impartial physician designated by them  
7 to determine such capability. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation  
8 of Thomas Austin under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent September  
9 27, 2016, and upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to  
10 that which he would have been entitled had he retired on this date.

11           SECTION 2. Thomas Austin shall be subject to the limitations on hours worked and on  
12 payments to retired Town employees under paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the  
13 General Laws.

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