

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JOHN FITZGERALD



CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE
HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Matthew Cummings is 40 years old, and is a resident of Dorchester; *and*

WHEREAS, Matthew Cummings has passed the civil service exam and is looking to gain acceptance into the next Boston Police Academy; *and*

WHEREAS, Matthew Cummings has extensive experience in the building trades and the recovery community where he has demonstrated both dedication to his community and an ability to quickly learn a variety of skills. Additionally Matthew Cummings has shown leadership and communication skills through his current role as an Acting Foreman Union Painter for IUPAT District Council 35; *and*

WHEREAS, With his life-long ambition for law enforcement and demonstrated skills Matthew Cummings has the ability to help our city through his work; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO WAIVE THE
MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR MATTHEW
CUMMINGS**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Matthew Cummings. If Matthew Cummings meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: November 19, 2025