

HOUSE No. 1213

By Mr. Carlson of Worcester (by request), petition of Charles L. Hibbard and Frank L. Riley that the administrative committees of the district courts be given the same authority as to office hours as is given to clerks of said courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT GIVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT COURTS AUTHORITY AS TO OFFICE HOURS OF CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURTS.

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 fifteen of chapter two hundred and eight-
2 teen of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
3 ing out said section fifteen, as appearing in the Ter-
4 centenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
5 following:—

6 *Section 15.* Justices of district courts, other than
7 the municipal court of the city of Boston, shall, with
8 the approval of the administrative committee of the
9 district courts prescribe the hour when the respec-
10 tive courts shall open for the transaction of business
11 and the daily office hours for the clerks of their re-
12 spective courts during which the offices of the clerks
13 shall be open. Such hours shall be fixed with refer-

14 ence to the business of said courts and the convenience
15 of the public and of attorneys, and notice thereof
16 shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each of said
17 offices.

18 In the event that the hour prescribed by any jus-
19 tice shall not be approved by the administrative
20 committee, it may prescribe such hours and they
21 shall have the force of law and the court shall open
22 for the transaction of business and the daily office
23 hours of the clerks shall be as prescribed by said
24 order.