

HOUSE No. 414

By Mr. Bacheller of Danvers, petition of Robert E. Layton that the town of Danvers be authorized to open the polls for town elections not later than seven o'clock in the forenoon. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DANVERS TO OPEN THE POLLS FOR TOWN ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON.

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. Section twelve of chapter two hundred
2 and ninety-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and
3 thirty is hereby amended by striking out, in the fifth
4 line, the words "not later than fifteen minutes before
5 six o'clock" and substituting therefor the words:—
6 not later than seven o'clock, — so that this section
7 shall read as follows:— *Section 12.* The town of
8 Danvers, after the acceptance of this act, shall hold
9 its annual town meeting for the purposes of election
10 of officers only on the first Monday of March in
11 each year. The polls for the election of officers shall
12 open not later than seven o'clock in the forenoon
13 and shall close not earlier than four o'clock in the
14 afternoon. The town of Danvers shall hold its an-

15 nual meeting for the transaction of municipal busi-
16 ness in pursuance of the warrant for the annual town
17 meeting, except the election of officers, on the third
18 Monday of March at thirty minutes past seven
19 o'clock in the evening. If the said business of the
20 annual meeting is not completed on the evening of
21 the third Monday of March, the said meeting may
22 be adjourned to thirty minutes past seven o'clock of
23 any evening or to as many evenings as the meeting
24 votes, during the week of the third Monday of March,
25 as are necessary to complete the said business.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.