

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1231.

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[Mr. STONE of Springfield, moves to amend, by the substitution of this bill, for the bill printed as House No. 959.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

### AN ACT

Relative to Practice in Municipal, Police and 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 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and  
2 thirty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 seven is hereby amended by striking out the words, “ but  
4 no such business shall be transacted on Sunday except  
5 only such business as shall in the opinion of the justice  
6 of the court to whom application may be made, be of  
7 pressing necessity ” and by inserting in place thereof the  
8 words “ except as provided by section four of chapter  
9 one hundred and sixty of the Public Statutes and acts  
10 amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto ” and by  
11 adding at the end thereof the words “ except when a  
12 legal holiday occurs on Friday then at ten o'clock in the

13 forenoon of the previous day and except as hereinafter  
14 specially provided, to wit: Said courts may in proceed-  
15 ings brought under chapter one hundred and seventy-five  
16 of the Public Statutes establish by rule the time for the  
17 entry of judgments when said proceedings are ripe there-  
18 for, and said courts may at any time in any case ripe for  
19 judgment upon notice and motion order judgment to be  
20 entered. The time for entering actions or making com-  
21 plaints for costs shall not be extended beyond the coming  
22 in of said courts on the next succeeding regular return  
23 day," so that when amended said section shall read as  
24 follows:—

25 *Section 1.* The municipal, police and district courts  
26 of the Commonwealth shall always be open for the trans-  
27 action of civil business, except as provided by section  
28 four of chapter one hundred and sixty of the Public  
29 Statutes and acts amendatory thereof and supple-  
30 mentary thereto. The time for the entry of judgment  
31 in all civil actions and proceedings ripe for judgment in  
32 said courts respectively shall be ten o'clock in the fore-  
33 noon on Friday of each week, except when a legal holi-  
34 day occurs on Friday, then at ten o'clock in the forenoon  
35 on the previous day; and except as hereinafter specially  
36 provided, to wit: Said courts may, in proceedings brought  
37 under chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the Public  
38 Statutes, establish by rule the time for the entry of judg-  
39 ments when said proceedings are ripe therefor and said  
40 courts may at any time, in any case ripe for judgment,  
41 upon notice and motion, order judgment to be entered.

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



