

HOUSE No. 1939

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 1717). May 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLOSING OF OFFICES OF STATE DEPARTMENTS ON SATURDAYS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter thirty of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section twenty-four, as most
3 recently amended by chapter five hundred and eight
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, and
5 inserting in place thereof the following:—

6 *Section 24.* All offices under the jurisdiction of
7 any department of the state government shall be open
8 to the public for the transaction of business daily on
9 days other than Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays
10 for such hours, beginning not later than nine o'clock
11 in the forenoon and ending not earlier than five o'clock
12 in the afternoon, as may be set by the department
13 head subject to the approval of the commission on
14 administration and finance, except that if the con-
15 venience of the public so requires, any department
16 head, subject to like approval, may keep any office

17 under his jurisdiction open on any Saturday, not a
18 legal holiday, from nine o'clock in the forenoon to
19 twelve o'clock noon, and give any employee required
20 to work on Saturday equivalent time off without loss
21 of compensation. When the day or the last day for
22 the performance of any act, including the making of
23 any payment or tender of payment, authorized or
24 required to be performed at such an office falls on a
25 Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the act may be
26 performed on the next succeeding business day.