

HOUSE No. 135

By Messrs. Chadwick of Winchester and Enright of Pittsfield, petition of Harrison Chadwick and Thomas E. Enright for the observance of Patriots' Day on the Monday following April nineteenth of each year. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOTS' DAY, SO CALLED, ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING APRIL NINETEENTH EACH YEAR.

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

1 Clause eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the
2 General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended
3 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following:—“Legal holiday” shall in-
5 clude January first, February twenty-second, the
6 Monday next following April nineteenth, May thir-
7 tieth, July fourth, the first Monday of September,
8 October twelfth, November eleventh, Thanksgiving
9 day and Christmas day, or the day following, when
10 January first, February twenty-second, May thirtieth,
11 July fourth, October twelfth, November eleventh, or
12 Christmas day occurs on Sunday; and the public
13 offices shall be closed on all of said days; and all laws,
14 statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations regu-

15 lating the observance of the Lord's day shall be appli-
16 cable to May thirtieth and November eleventh be-
17 tween the hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and
18 one o'clock post meridian, or during the same hours
19 on the day following when May thirtieth or November
20 eleventh occurs on Sunday, except that on May thir-
21 tieth, or on the day following when May thirtieth oc-
22 curs on Sunday, florist shops may be kept open all of
23 said day, and except that on November eleventh, or
24 on the day following when November eleventh occurs
25 on Sunday, hunting during said hours, if otherwise
26 lawful, shall not be prohibited; and all laws, statutes,
27 orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating the
28 keeping open of retail stores on the Lord's day shall
29 be applicable to the keeping open of retail stores on
30 October twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock
31 ante meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or during
32 the same hours on the day following when October
33 twelfth occurs on Sunday.