

HOUSE No. 1306

Bill accompanying the petition of William D. Harding and others relative to the time at which town meetings may be held. Towns. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Holding of Annual Town Meetings.

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. Chapter two hundred and eighty-four of
2 the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the words "on the
4 first Monday of March", in the second and third lines,
5 and inserting in place thereof the words:— in the month
6 of February or March,— by striking out the words "to
7 the second Monday of March", in the seventh and
8 eighth lines, and inserting in place thereof the words:—
9 to any period of time within a week,— by inserting after
10 the word "the", where it occurs the first time, the
11 word:— first,— in the eighth line,— by striking out the
12 words "on the first Monday of March", in the eighth
13 and ninth lines, by striking out the words "on the first

14 Monday of March and on the second Monday of March",
15 in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth lines, and
16 by inserting after the word "the", where it occurs the
17 second time in the nineteenth line, the word: — first, —
18 and by striking out the words "on the first Monday of
19 March", in the nineteenth and twentieth lines, — so as to
20 read as follows:— *Section 1.* Any town upon its ac-
21 ceptance of this act, which now holds its annual town
22 meeting in the month of February or March, and which
23 has or has not been divided into voting precincts for
24 voting for all town officers elected by ballot and for
25 voting on the question of granting licenses for the sale
26 of intoxicating liquors, may adjourn the election of
27 such officers and the voting on said question, to any
28 period of time within a week, and may transact at the
29 first meeting all matters to be considered at the annual
30 town meeting other than the election of town officers
31 and the question of granting licenses for the sale of
32 intoxicating liquors. The time and place of holding
33 the adjourned meeting for the election of officers and for
34 voting on said question of the granting of licenses for the
35 sale of intoxicating liquors shall be stated in the warrant
36 for the annual election, and said election and the meet-
37 ings to be held, and any adjournment thereof shall be
38 regarded as parts of the annual town meeting. At the
39 first meeting held, a moderator may be chosen.

1 SECTION 2.. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.