

# HOUSE . . . . No. 952

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Bill accompanying the petition of George Bunting relative to changing the time for holding preliminary elections in the city of Methuen. Cities. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

### AN ACT

To change the Time of the Holding of Preliminary Elections  
in the City of Methuen.

*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 eleven of chapter two hundred and  
2 eighty-nine of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hun-  
3 dred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out  
4 the word "preliminary", in the eleventh line, and by  
5 adding after the word "afternoon", in the fourteenth  
6 line, the following:—The polls shall be opened at such  
7 time and for such period at all preliminary elections as  
8 shall be determined by the city council, — so as to read  
9 as follows:—*Section 11.* On the third Tuesday preced-  
10 ing every city election at which any officer mentioned in  
11 this act is to be elected, there shall be held a preliminary  
12 election for the purpose of nominating candidates for

13 such offices as, under the provisions of this act, are to be  
14 filled at such city election. Voters qualified to vote at a  
15 city election shall be qualified to vote at a preliminary  
16 election. No special election for mayor or any other  
17 officer shall be held until after the expiration of forty days  
18 from the calling of the preliminary election, except as is  
19 otherwise provided herein. At every annual and special  
20 election the polls shall be opened at forty-five minutes  
21 past five o'clock in the forenoon and shall be kept open  
22 until four o'clock in the afternoon. The polls shall be  
23 opened at such time and for such period at all preliminary  
24 elections as shall be determined by the city council. The  
25 laws of the commonwealth relative to annual city elec-  
26 tions shall apply to all preliminary, special and annual  
27 elections held under this act, except as is otherwise spe-  
28 cifically provided herein, but nothing herein shall be held  
29 to prohibit the sale of liquors on days of preliminary elec-  
30 tions.

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