

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to provide for voter registration sessions in certain places of activity.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS IN CERTAIN PLACES OF ACTIVITY.

*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 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 42B, as most recently amended by chapter 113 of the  
3 acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 42B.* The registrars or election commissioners shall  
5 hold a registration session in any factory, mill, school, college or  
6 university, hospital, nursing or rest home, recreation area or any  
7 other place where there are persons who are entitled to be regis-  
8 tered who are regularly gathered by reason of employment or other  
9 principal activity within their city or town on or before the last day  
10 for registration for the biennial state primary and election or the  
11 presidential preference primary or any municipal preliminary elec-  
12 tion, primary, or election, if ten or more voters of such city or town  
13 file a petition with said registrars or commissioners, not less than  
14 thirty-eight days before such primary or election, for the holding of  
15 a registration session at such place and time as specified in the  
16 petition, signed by the petitioners with their names and places of  
17 residence in said city or town and stating that ten or more persons  
18 regularly at such place desire and are entitled to be registered as  
19 voters in said city or town. Such registration session shall then be  
20 held if, at the time such petition is filed, said registrars or commis-  
21 sioners are in receipt of permission in writing from the tenant, or if  
22 there is no tenant, from the owner of such place to use his premises

23 for the purpose of holding said session; provided however, that, if  
 24 the places as specified in the petition is public property of the city,  
 25 town, county or commonwealth, no such permission shall be re-  
 26 quired but the persons in custody of such property shall be notified  
 27 of the registrar's intention to hold such session and shall meet with  
 28 said registrars to confirm the time and place for the conduct of such  
 29 session. Such registration session shall last a minimum of two  
 30 hours if the petitioners so request in their petition. No application  
 31 under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president  
 32 and vice-president shall be received at any registration session held  
 33 as provided in this section.