

By Mr. Cahoon of Chatham, petition of Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., and another relative to permitting the Sunday opening of retail stores in counties of the Commonwealth. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING THE SUNDAY OPENING OF RETAIL STORES IN COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 136,
2 section 6, clause (50) of the General Laws as amended by Chapter
3 722 of the acts of 1977 the keeping open of a store or shop and the
4 sale at retail of goods therein, but not including the retail sale of
5 goods subject to chapter 138, and the performance of labor, busi-
6 ness, and work connected therewith on Sunday, and providing,
7 that this exemption shall not apply to any legal holiday as defined
8 in this chapter, is hereby permitted on Sunday in any county of the
9 Commonwealth accepting this enabling legislation.

1 SECTION 2. In order for acceptance to be accomplished each
2 City or Town comprising a county must vote by referendum at an
3 annual City or Town election, or at any state election, and if a
4 majority of those voting county-wide is in the affirmative, then the
5 statute is accepted and Sunday opening for that particular county
6 is authorized. A majority negative vote terminates acceptance for
7 the year in which it was voted.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

