

HOUSE No. 4270

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Michael Joseph Connolly, John A. Businger, other members of the General Court and others for legislation to provide for uniform expanded minimum hours during which polling places shall be open at state primaries and elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Petitions signed by:

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by: William Cashman
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International Brotherhood of
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Workers Union (ILGWU)
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Implement Workers of America (UAW)
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Citizens for Participation in
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(AFSCME), Council 93
by: Peter Wright
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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM AND EXPANDED MINIMUM HOURS DURING WHICH POLLING PLACES SHALL BE OPEN AT STATE PRIMARIES.

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 53 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out section 43, as most recently amended by chapter
3 144 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 43.* The polls at every primary shall be open at least
6 twelve hours, such hours to be designated in cities by the aldermen
7 or councillors, and in towns by by-laws or vote, or, in default of
8 such by-laws or vote, by the selectmen. The polls shall in no case be
9 kept open after eight o'clock in the evening. The polls shall not be
10 closed before eight o'clock in the evening.

1 SECTION 2. Section 64 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 395 of the acts of 1972, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place
4 thereof the following two paragraphs: —

5 In cities and in towns at the election of state officers, the polls
6 may be opened as early as fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the
7 forenoon, and shall be opened not later than eight o'clock in the
8 forenoon and shall be kept open at least twelve hours.

9 In cities at the election of city officers, the polls may be opened as
10 early as fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the forenoon, and shall
11 be opened not later than ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall be
12 kept open at least ten hours.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall apply to every city and town not-
2 withstanding section 27C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as
3 appearing in section 2 of chapter 580 of the acts of 1980, which shall
4 not apply to this act.