

HOUSE No. 1492

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 20, 1924.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was re-committed the Bill relative to sessions of registrars of voters (House, No. 581) report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

ERNEST J. DEAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

An Act relative to Sessions of Registrars of Voters.

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 twenty-six of chapter fifty-
2 one of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
3 serting after the word “ annual ” in the seventh
4 line the words:— or biennial,— and by striking
5 out, in the eighth line, the word “ Saturday ” and
6 inserting in place thereof the word:— Wednes-
7 day,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 26.* The
8 registrars, for the purpose of registering voters in
9 the manner hereinafter provided, shall hold such
10 day and such evening sessions as the town by by-
11 law or the city by ordinance shall prescribe, and
12 such other sessions as they deem necessary; but,
13 except as provided in section fifty, in every city
14 registration shall cease at ten o’clock in the even-
15 ing on the twentieth day preceding the biennial
16 state election and the annual or biennial city elec-
17 tion, and in every town registration shall cease at
18 ten o’clock in the evening on the Wednesday last
19 but one preceding the biennial state election and the
20 annual town meeting. The time and place of regis-
21 tration shall be the same for male and female ap-
22 plicants.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-seven of said chap-
2 ter fifty-one is hereby amended by striking out, in
3 the second line, the words " Saturday last " and
4 inserting in place thereof the words: — Wednesday
5 last but one, — so as to read as follows: — *Section*
6 27. They shall hold at least one session at some
7 suitable place in every city or town on or before
8 the Wednesday last but one preceding a primary,
9 except a primary succeeding a special election.

1 SECTION 3. Section twenty-eight of said chapter
2 fifty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word " annual " in the third line the word: — or
4 biennial, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 28.*
5 They shall hold a continuous session from twelve
6 o'clock noon until ten o'clock in the evening on the
7 last day for registration preceding the biennial
8 state election and the annual or biennial city elec-
9 tion or town meeting, except that in towns having
10 less than three hundred voters said session shall be
11 sufficient if it includes the time from two to four
12 o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven to ten
13 o'clock in the evening.

