

HOUSE No. 490.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 30, 1900.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Roads of Marblehead. Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

AN ACT

Relative to the Registrars of Voters in Certain Towns.

*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. The fourth paragraph of section
2 thirty-seven of chapter five hundred and forty-
3 eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred
4 and ninety-eight is hereby amended by inserting
5 after the word "meeting," in the fifth line, the
6 following:— but in towns having less than ten
7 thousand inhabitants, it shall be sufficient if the
8 said session is held between the hours of six and
9 ten o'clock in the evening,—so as to read as

10 follows: — In towns they shall hold a continuous
11 session from twelve o'clock noon until ten o'clock
12 in the evening on the Saturday last but one pre-
13 ceding the annual state election, and a like con-
14 tinuous session on the Saturday last but one
15 preceding the annual town meeting; but in towns
16 having less than ten thousand inhabitants, it shall
17 be sufficient if the said session is held between
18 the hours of six and ten o'clock in the evening.
19 In towns divided into voting precincts they shall,
20 not more than twenty days before the annual state
21 election and also not more than twenty days
22 before the annual town meeting, but in each case
23 on or before the last day fixed for registration,
24 hold at least one session at some suitable
25 place within the limits of each voting precinct.
26 In towns not divided into voting precincts they
27 shall, not more than twenty days before the an-
28 nual state election and also not more than twenty
29 days before the annual town meeting, but in each
30 case on or before the last day fixed for registra-
31 tion, hold sessions in two or more suitable places.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-nine of said chap-
2 ter is also amended by inserting after the word
3 "election," in the fourth line, the following:—
4 but in towns having less than ten thousand in-
5 habitants, it shall be sufficient if the said session
6 is held between the hours of six and ten o'clock
7 in the evening, — so as to read as follows: —

8 *Section 39.* The registrars shall, in some suit-
9 able place, hold a continuous session from twelve

10 o'clock noon until ten o'clock in the evening on
11 the fourth day, or in Boston on the seventh day, pre-
12 ceding a special election; but in towns having less
13 than ten thousand inhabitants it shall be sufficient
14 if the said session is held between the hours of six
15 and ten o'clock in the evening. Registration shall
16 cease at ten o'clock in the evening of the day on
17 which such session is held.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

