

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 287.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of J. Franklin Batchelder for legislation relative to the employment of certain persons during certain hours on election days. Election Laws and Labor sitting jointly. Jan. 26.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

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### AN ACT

#### Relative to the Employment of Certain Persons during Certain Hours on Election Days.

*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 four hundred and thirteen of chapter  
2 eleven of the Revised Laws is hereby amended  
3 by striking out the words "if he shall make appli-  
4 cation for leave of absence during such period,"  
5 in the seventh and eighth lines; also by adding at  
6 the end of said section the words:—*provided,*  
7 *however,* that in no case shall the provisions of  
8 this section apply to any manufacturing, mechani-  
9 cal or mercantile establishment after eight o'clock

10 in the forenoon of the day of any election, — so as  
11 to read as follows: —

12 *Section 413.* An owner, superintendent or  
13 overseer in any manufacturing, mechanical or  
14 mercantile establishment, except such as may  
15 lawfully conduct its business on Sunday, who  
16 employs or permits to be employed therein any  
17 person entitled to vote at a state election, during  
18 the period of two hours after the opening of the  
19 polls in the voting precinct or town in which such  
20 person is entitled to vote, shall be punished by a  
21 fine of not more than one hundred dollars: *pro-*  
22 *vided, however,* that in no case shall the provisions  
23 of this section apply to any manufacturing, me-  
24 chanical or mercantile establishment after eight  
25 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of any election.