

HOUSE No. 494

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of the Massachusetts AFL/CIO and John A. Businger relative to leaves of absence for employees entitled to vote at elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM WORK FOR VOTING PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 149 is hereby amended by striking out section 178, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 178.* No employee who is entitled to vote at an election
5 shall be required to work during the period of two hours after the
6 opening of the polls in the voting precinct, ward or town in which
7 such employee is entitled to vote, if he shall make application for
8 leave of absence for such purpose.

9 No employee who is entitled to vote at a town meeting shall be
10 required to work during that period of time when such town
11 meeting, annual or special, is in session, nor for such additional
12 time as may be reasonably required for said employee to travel to
13 and from such town meeting if such employee shall make applica-
14 tion for leave of absence for such purpose.

