

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to provide for voter registration sessions in certain places of activity. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS IN CERTAIN PLACES OF ACTIVITY.

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 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 42B, as most recently amended by chapter 113 of the
3 acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 42B.* The registrars or election commissioners shall
5 hold a registration session in any factory, mill, school, college or
6 university, hospital, nursing or rest home, recreation area or any
7 other place where there are persons who are entitled to be regis-
8 tered who are regularly gathered by reason of employment or other
9 principal activity within their city or town on or before the last day
10 for registration for the biennial state primary and election or the
11 presidential preference primary or any municipal preliminary elec-
12 tion, primary, or election, if ten or more voters of such city or town
13 file a petition with said registrars or commissioners, not less than
14 thirty-eight days before such primary or election, for the holding of
15 a registration session at such place and time as specified in the
16 petition, signed by the petitioners with their names and places of
17 residence in said city or town and stating that ten or more persons
18 regularly at such place desire and are entitled to be registered as
19 voters in said city or town. Such registration session shall then be
20 held if, at the time such petition is filed, said registrars or commis-
21 sioners are in receipt of permission in writing from the tenant, or if
22 there is no tenant, from the owner of such place to use his premises

23 for the purpose of holding said session; provided however, that, if
24 the place as specified in the petition is public property of the city,
25 town, county or commonwealth, no such permission shall be re-
26 quired but the persons in custody of such property shall be notified
27 of the registrar's intention to hold such session and shall meet with
28 said registrars to confirm the time and place for the conduct of such
29 session. Such registration session shall last a minimum of two
30 hours if the petitioners so request in their petition. No application
31 under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president
32 and vice-president shall be received at any registration session held
33 as provided in this section.