

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1932

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, petition of Kevin G. Honan, Thomas P. Walsh, Daniel E. Bosley, Daniel J. Valianti and William F. Cass relative to the hours of business for the District Court Department of the Trial Court. The Judiciary.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISTRICT COURT HOURS OF OPERATION.

*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. Chapter 220 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 6, as appearing in the 1988  
3 Official Edition and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section: —

5 Section 6. The division of the departments of the trial court  
6 shall always be open, including evenings, and the business thereof,  
7 or of a justice thereof, may be transacted at any time, except that  
8 such business shall not be transacted on a Sunday or on a legal  
9 holiday unless it relates to an application which, in the opinion  
10 of the justice to whom it is made, is of pressing necessity, or for  
11 the purpose of instructing or discharging a jury, receiving a verdict  
12 or adjourning; provided that, if the convenience of the public so  
13 requires, the divisions shall be open for the transaction of business  
14 on such Sunday, not legal holidays and during such hours thereof  
15 as the administrative justice of the department may determine.  
16 This section shall not prevent the exercise of the jurisdiction of  
17 any magistrate in criminal cases to preserve the peace or arrest  
18 offenders.

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

