

By Mr. Shaughnessy of Woburn, petition of William E. Stygles and William G. Shaughnessy relative to the closing of district courts on Saturdays. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OF DISTRICT COURTS ON SATURDAYS.

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 220 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 6, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 449 of the acts
3 of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
4 *Section 6.* Courts shall not be open on Sundays or a legal
5 holiday, and, except as otherwise provided by law or except for
6 the purpose of instructing or discharging a jury, receiving a
7 verdict or adjourning, courts, shall not be open on Saturday; but
8 this section shall not prevent the exercise of the jurisdiction of any
9 magistrate in criminal cases to preserve the peace or arrest
10 offenders. The provisions of section nine of chapter four shall
11 apply in the case of the closing of a court on any Saturday to the
12 same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday.

...

...

THE ...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...

...