

# HOUSE.....No. 13.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 15, 1841.

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the act, passed March 9th, 1839, entitled "An Act Concerning Elections," commonly called the Sunset Law.

L. S. CUSHING, *Clerk.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 27, 1841.

The Committee on matters of Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an Order of the 15th instant, directing them to "inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the Act passed March 9th, A. D. 1839, entitled 'an Act Concerning Elections,' commonly called the Sunset Law;" report the accompanying bill.

By order of the Committee,

THOMAS KINNICUTT, *Chairman.*

J. S. COCHRAN, Clerk

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In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one.

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### AN ACT

Concerning Elections.

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

1 SEC. 1. All meetings for the election of Governor,  
2 Senators, and Representatives of the Commonwealth,  
3 Electors of President and Vice President of the United  
4 States, or of Representatives to Congress, may be  
5 opened as early as nine o'clock in the forenoon of the  
6 day of election, and shall be opened as early as two  
7 o'clock in the afternoon ; and each town may decide,  
8 by a majority of votes, whether said officers shall be  
9 voted for on one ballot, or at the same time on sepa-  
10 rate ballots.

1 SEC. 2. So much of the second section of an act  
2 concerning elections, passed on the ninth day of  
3 March in the year one thousand eight hundred and  
4 thirty-nine, as prohibits the officers presiding at any

5 such election, or at any election for selectmen or town-  
6 clerk of any town, or for mayor, aldermen or common  
7 council of any city, from receiving any vote for said  
8 officers, unless the same be open and unfolded, is  
9 hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 3. The first section of said act concerning  
2 elections, and so much of the second section of the  
3 fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, as is inconsis-  
4 ent with the provisions of this act, are hereby re-  
5 pealed.