

# HOUSE . . . No. 1204

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By Mr. Joseph L. Murphy of Boston, petition of Joseph L. Murphy for further amendment of the law regulating the hours during which the offices of state departments shall be open for the transaction of business. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

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AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE HOURS DURING WHICH  
THE OFFICES OF STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE OPEN  
FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby  
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the  
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 thirty of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section twenty-four, as most  
3 recently amended by chapter four hundred and thirty  
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and  
5 inserting in place thereof the following:—

6 *Section 24.* The officers of all the departments of  
7 the state government shall be open to the public for  
8 the transaction of business daily, on days other than  
9 Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, from nine

10 o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the after-  
11 noon. When the day or the last day for the perform-  
12 ance of any act, including the making of any payment  
13 or tender of payment, authorized or required to be  
14 performed at the office of any such department falls  
15 on a Saturday, the act may be performed on the next  
16 succeeding business day.