

HOUSE No. 3582

By Mr. Serra of Boston, petition of Emanuel G. Serra for legislation to change the hours for voter registration sessions in cities and towns. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CHANGING THE HOURS FOR REGISTRATION.

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 27 of Chapter 51 of the General Laws recently amended
- 2 by chapter 145 of the acts of 1979 is hereby further amended by
- 3 striking said section and inserting the following new one: —
- 4 *Section 28.* They shall hold a continuous session from nine
- 5 o'clock ante meridian until eight o'clock in the evening on the last
- 6 day for registration prescribed under section twenty-six, except
- 7 that in towns having less than three hundred voters said session
- 8 shall be sufficient if it includes the time from two to four o'clock in
- 9 the afternoon and from seven to ten o'clock in the evening; pro-
- 10 vided, however, that they shall hold a continuous session from
- 11 twelve o'clock noon until eight o'clock in the evening on the
- 12 Saturday preceding the last day for registration for all elections;
- 13 provided, however, that if such Saturday is not more than two days
- 14 before a legal holiday, such session shall be held on the second
- 15 Saturday preceding the last day to register to vote.

