

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1079**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to allow simple majority voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1079) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to allow simple majority voting. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to allow simple majority voting.

*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. The twelfth paragraph of Section 9 of chapter 40A, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by deleting the words “a two-thirds vote of boards with more than five  
3 members, a vote of at least four members of a five member board, and a unanimous vote of a  
4 three member board” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the concurring vote of  
5 a majority of the members then in office.

6           SECTION 2. The fourth paragraph of Section 15 of chapter 40A, as so appearing, is  
7 hereby amended by deleting the words “all members of the board of appeals consisting of three  
8 members, and a concurring vote of four members of a board consisting of five members” and  
9 inserting in place thereof the following words:- the concurring vote of a majority of the members  
10 of the board of appeals then in office.