

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1824**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Ryan*

*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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>

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By Mr. Ryan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1824) of Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to allow simple majority voting. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1133 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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:-

5           the concurring vote of 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.