

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Samantha Montaño

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 relative to summary process.

PETITION OF:

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to summary process.

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. Chapter 239 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, after
2 section 14, the following new section:-

3 Section 15. Two-tier process;

4 (a) All summary process cases shall be handled in a two-tier process. (i) First tier. This
5 event will be for the parties to determine the status of the case, explore the availability of
6 resources, attempt mediation or other opportunity to reach a resolution to the case, and identify
7 next steps in preparing the case for trial. No default or dismissal may enter if a party does not
8 appear at the first tier event. (ii) Second tier. For cases which are not resolved, the Clerk’s Office
9 shall send a written notice to the parties of the trial date.