

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 joint committee operations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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

An Act relative to joint committee operations.

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 3 of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38C the
2 following section:-

3 Section 38D.

4 Within 4 weeks of the appointment of joint standing committees in the first annual
5 session of the General Court, each joint standing committee shall adopt rules of procedure
6 regarding its conduct. Adoption and amendment of said rules shall require the joint agreement of
7 the house and senate chairs of said joint committee. Said rules of procedure, together with any
8 amendments, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House and shall be
9 available to the public and members of the General Court on the official website for the General
10 Court.

11 A joint committee shall only initiate a poll of joint committee members upon joint
12 agreement of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee.

- 13 Joint committees shall report all matters back to the branch of origin, unless otherwise
- 14 specifically agreed to by joint agreement of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee.