

SENATE No. 1133

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1133) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to allow simple majority voting. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1079 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.