

1 S.68

2 Introduced by Senators Sears, Campbell and Cummings

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Court procedure; conduct of trial; verdict in civil actions

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes that in a civil action, the verdict or
7 finding of a number of jurors equal to at least 80 percent of the jurors serving
8 on that jury shall constitute the verdict or finding of the jury.

9 An act relating to nonunanimous jury verdicts in civil actions

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 1950 is added to read:

12 § 1950. NUMBER OF JURORS REQUIRED FOR A VERDICT IN A CIVIL

13 ACTION

14 In a civil action, the verdict or finding of a number of jurors equal to at least
15 80 percent of the jurors serving on that jury shall constitute the verdict or
16 finding of the jury.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.