

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5140

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By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander for a change in the Joint Rules of the General Court to provide for the carrying over of pending legislation from the first to the second annual session of the General Court. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

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1 *Ordered*, That the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of  
2 Representatives are hereby amended by inserting after Rule 12  
3 the following rules: —  
4 12A. Any matter pending before the General Court at the end  
5 of the first annual session which has been engrossed in either  
6 branch or which is a pending petition restricted to a particular  
7 city or town which has received the approval of the voters of the  
8 city or town, or the town meeting of the town, or which is pending  
9 before a conference committee of the two branches at the end of  
10 the first annual session shall be carried over into the second annual  
11 session of the same General Court in the same status at which  
12 it was at the time of prorogation or dissolution of the first annual  
13 session. Consideration of any matter pending before a committee  
14 of conference of the two branches at the end of a first annual  
15 session shall be resumed at the commencement of the second  
16 annual session of the same General Court by such same  
17 committee.

