

# HOUSE . . . . No. 449

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By Mr. Morton of Wellesley, petition of William D. Morton, Jr., that provision be made for juries of six persons in civil cases if the parties agree thereto. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A JURY OF SIX PERSONS IN CIVIL CASES IF THE PARTIES AGREE THERETO.

*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 234 of the General Laws is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after section 25 the following  
3 section:—

4 *Section 25A.* In civil cases only; if all the parties  
5 to a case agree thereto, the number of jurors required  
6 for the trial of the case may be reduced to six persons.  
7 The jury in such cases shall be impanelled in the same  
8 manner as provided in section twenty-five, except  
9 that when a case is ready for trial the clerk in open  
10 court shall draw ballots until the names of six persons  
11 are drawn who appear and are not excused or set  
12 aside. The provisions of section twenty-six B shall  
13 not apply to jurors selected under the provisions of  
14 this section.

