

HOUSE No. 3994

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of John W. Sears, William G. Robinson and Andrew H. Card, Jr., for legislation to clarify the procedure for the approval of home rule petitions by mayors. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPROVAL OF HOME RULE PETITIONS BY MAYORS.

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 43B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 at the end thereof the following new section: —
3 *Section 20.* When the mayor of any city is presented with a
4 home rule petition by the city council of said city, in accordance
5 with section eight of Article II of the Amendments to the Constitu-
6 tion, the mayor shall within ten days or such other time as may be
7 provided for the adoption of ordinances in the city charter approve
8 or send his reasons for disapproval of said home rule petition to the
9 city clerk. Failure to disapprove said petition within the time
10 allowed shall constitute approval by the mayor of the petition.
11 Upon expiration of the allowed time period, the city clerk shall
12 transmit the petition to the General Court with the notation that
13 the measure has received the approval of the city council and the
14 mayor under the provisions of this section.

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THE COMMITTEE ON ...

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