

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2841**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*David T. Vieira*

*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 relative to petition by city or town pursuant to home rule amendment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*David T. Vieira*

*Angelo L. D'Emilia*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*3rd Barnstable*

*8th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2841) of David T. Vieira and Angelo L. D'Emilia relative to local approvals of home rule petitions. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2894 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to petition by city or town pursuant to home rule amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 An Act relative to petition by city or town pursuant to home rule amendment.

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3 SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is  
4 hereby amended by inserting after section 8A the following section:-

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6 Section 8B. The approval vote required to file a petition pursuant to the provisions of  
7 Section 8(1) of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
8 shall not expire, and no additional vote shall be required to file a petition unless a vote to rescind

- 9 such approval is passed by the voters of a city or town, or the mayor and city council or other
- 10 legislative body of a city, or the town meeting or other legislative body of a town.