



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

---

Legislative Document

No. 1302

S.P. 532

In Senate, March 25, 2025

**An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required  
to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality**

---

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7202, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 297, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 The voters of any municipality may petition for consideration of deorganization of the  
5 municipality by following the petition procedure of section 2528, subsection 5. On the  
6 written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in  
7 the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, ~~but in no case less than 10~~, requesting a  
8 municipal meeting for the purpose of discussing and determining whether the municipality  
9 should deorganize, the municipal officers shall call and hold a special meeting in the  
10 manner provided for the calling and holding of town meetings or city elections to discuss  
11 deorganization of the municipality and to decide whether to develop a deorganization  
12 procedure.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill modifies the provision of law governing voter petition for the deorganization  
15 of a municipality. Current law requires a written petition of a number of voters equal to at  
16 least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election,  
17 but not fewer than 10 voters, to request a municipal meeting to discuss and determine  
18 whether the municipality should deorganize. The bill removes the limitation that the  
19 petition must be signed by at least 10 voters.