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RE: Proposed Warrant Article- Adoption of Mullin Rule

As you may know, many municipalities have adopted the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23D also known as the “Mullin Rule,” which allows for members of an adjudicatory/regulatory Board or Commission to miss one meeting from one session and submit a certification that they have watched or listening to a recording of the missed session. Said members would then be able to continue their participation in the public hearing and not be exempted out of the process due to an absence. As it stands today, if a member of a Board or Commission misses a meeting, they cannot participate in the public hearing going forward.

Members of Town Boards and Commissions are dedicated volunteers who sometimes cannot attend meetings due to personal matters, vacations, etc. With the Mullin Rule, Members of Boards or Commission can continue their participation in a particular public hearing if they miss one meeting.

Note that the adoption of the “Mullin Rule” would only allow members of Boards and Commission to be absent from **one meeting of a particular public hearing.**