

S.178

An act relating to supermajority verdicts in civil trials

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 1950 is added to read:

§ 1950. VERDICT; EIGHTY PERCENT SUPERMAJORITY REQUIRED

Unless the parties stipulate otherwise, a verdict or finding agreed to by at least eighty percent of the total number of jurors serving on a jury in a civil trial shall be taken as the verdict or finding of the jury.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.