

HOUSE No. 1441

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Lewis G. Evangelidis	1st Worcester
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Daniel K. Webster	6th Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1498 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT IN SMALL CLAIMS
CASES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “two thousand dollars”, in lines 6 and 35,
3 and inserting in place thereof in both instances the following figures:-- \$5,000.
- 4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply only to such cases as are
5 filed on or after said effective date. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any court of
6 this commonwealth of jurisdiction over any case filed prior to the effective date of this act.