

HOUSE No. 1826

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 assessor certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1826) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to assessors employed by cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to assessor certificates.

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. Chapter 59 of the general laws is hereby amended in Section 21A by
2 striking the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

3 Section 21A. In any city or town which accepts this section an assessor or assistant
4 assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has been awarded a
5 certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified assessment
6 evaluator (CAE) or who has been awarded a certificate by the Association of Massachusetts
7 Assessors as a certified Massachusetts assessor (CMA) shall receive as compensation from such
8 city or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in
9 such office, an amount equal to ten per cent of such regular compensation; provided, however,
10 that in no event shall such additional compensation exceed three thousand dollars annually, the
11 increase only applies if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a full-time basis, or
12 five hundred dollars, if such assessor of assistant assessor is employed on a part time basis.

13 An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and
14 training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
15 Officers as a residential evaluation specialist (RES) or who has been awarded a certificate by the
16 Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a residential Massachusetts assessor (RMA) shall
17 receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by
18 such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to five per cent of such regular
19 compensation; provided, however, that in no event shall such additional compensation exceed
20 two thousand dollars annually, the increase only applies if such assessor or assistant assessor is
21 employed on a full-time basis.

22 An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and
23 training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
24 Officers as an assessment administration specialist (AAS) or who has been awarded a certificate
25 by the Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a Massachusetts accredited assessor (MAA)
26 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation
27 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to three per cent of such
28 regular compensation; provided, however, that in no event shall such additional compensation
29 exceed one thousand dollars annually, the increase only applies if such assessor or assistant
30 assessor is employed on a full-time basis.

31 An assessor who has been awarded any certificates referred to above shall receive such
32 additional compensation for only one of such certificates. In order to qualify for such additional
33 compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor shall submit proof that he has been awarded
34 either or both of the aforesaid certificates to the mayor or the board of selectmen of such city or
35 town. The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any twelve month

36 period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor for
37 twelve consecutive months.

38 SECTION 2. Section 21A1/2. In any city or town which accepts this section an assessor
39 or assistant assessor, who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has
40 been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified
41 assessment evaluator (CAE) or who has been awarded a certificate by the Association of
42 Massachusetts Assessors as a certified Massachusetts assessor (CMA), shall receive as
43 compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city
44 or town for services in such office, an amount equal to ten per cent of such regular
45 compensation.

46 An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and
47 training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
48 Officers as a residential evaluation specialist (RES) or who has been awarded a certificate by the
49 Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a residential Massachusetts assessor (RMA) shall
50 receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by
51 such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to five per cent of such regular
52 compensation.

53 An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and
54 training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
55 Officers as an assessment administration specialist (AAS) or who has been awarded a certificate
56 by the Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a Massachusetts accredited assessor (MAA)
57 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation

58 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to three per cent of such
59 regular compensation.

60 An assessor who has been awarded both certificates referred to above shall receive such
61 additional compensation for only one of such certificates. In order to qualify for such additional
62 compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor shall submit proof that he has been awarded
63 either or both of the aforesaid certificates to the mayor or the board of selectmen of such city or
64 town. The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any twelve month
65 period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor for
66 twelve consecutive months. In those cities and towns which accept the provisions of section
67 twenty-one A, this section shall not be applicable.