

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1721**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Ellen Story and Stanley C. Rosenberg*

*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 assessment certification.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                       | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                        | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Stanley C. Rosenberg</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>1/21/2011</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i>          | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>                     | <i>1/19/2011</i> |

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By Representative Story of Amherst and Senator Rosenberg, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1721) of Ellen Story and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to the certification of the assessing of property at full and fair cash valuation. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2927 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to assessment certification.

*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 56 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first two sentences and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following two sentences:--

4           Every fifth year, the commissioner shall certify as to whether the board of assessors is  
5 assessing property at full and fair cash valuation. Once certified, a city or town may classify in  
6 the manner set out in this section for the year of certification and for the four years next  
7 following said year of certification.

8           SECTION 2. The provisions of section one of this act shall be applicable to all  
9 certifications issued by the commissioner after the effective date of this act.