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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2688

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ellen Story

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:
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/16/2015*

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By Ms. Story of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2688) of Ellen Story relative to the certification of assessing property at full and fair cash valuation. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2748* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

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:

SECTION 1. Section 56 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first two sentences and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:-

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

SECTION 2. Said section 56 is hereby amended in line 71, by striking the word "triennial", and inserting in place thereof the words "five year".

SECTION 3. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be applicable to all certifications issued by the commissioner after the effective date of this act.