

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 928**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. Poirier*

*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 financial records of defendants in small claims court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/13/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 928) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Mathew Muratore relative to the financial records of defendants in small claims court. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1543 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to financial records of defendants in small claims court.

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

1           An Act relative to financial records of defendants in small claims court.

2           Section 22 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
3 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

4           Notwithstanding the foregoing, in a finding for a plaintiff of an amount due by a  
5 defendant, the procedure shall include a requirement for the defendant to provide, as applicable,  
6 to the court: the social security number of the defendant, the 4 most recent pay stubs of the  
7 defendant and the defendant’s spouse, the 3 most recent statements from each bank, credit union,  
8 credit card or other financial account of the defendant and the defendant’s spouse, the most

9 recent tax return of the defendant and any other financial documentation that the court may  
10 request.