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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:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/9/2019*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/1/2019*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*

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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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 59 of the general laws is hereby amended in Section 21A by striking the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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