

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1826**

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

**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:*

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.