

HOUSE No. 5137

Substituted by the House, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 2206). July 29, 2022.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 by striking out section
2 21A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 21A. (a) In any city or town that 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 or who has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing
7 Officers, Inc. as a certified Massachusetts assessor shall receive as compensation from such city
8 or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in such
9 office, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular compensation; provided, that such
10 additional compensation shall not exceed: (i) \$3000 annually, if such assessor or assistant
11 assessor is employed on a full-time basis; or (ii) \$500 annually, if such assessor of assistant
12 assessor is employed on a part-time basis.

13 (b) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study
14 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
15 Officers as a residential evaluation specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the
16 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a residential Massachusetts assessor
17 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation
18 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 5 per cent of such
19 regular compensation; provided, that such additional compensation shall not exceed \$2,000
20 annually, and the increase shall only apply if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a
21 full-time basis.

22 (c) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study
23 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
24 Officers as an assessment administration specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the
25 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a Massachusetts accredited assessor
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 3 per cent of such
28 regular compensation; provided, that in no event shall such additional compensation exceed
29 \$1,000 annually, and the increase shall only apply if such assessor or assistant assessor is
30 employed on a full-time basis.

31 (d) An assessor or assistant assessor who has been awarded any certificates referred to in
32 this section shall receive such additional compensation for only 1 of such certificates. In order to
33 qualify for such additional compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor shall submit proof that
34 they have been awarded such certificates to the mayor or the select board of such city or town.
35 The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any 12-month period in which

36 an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor for 12 consecutive
37 months.

38 SECTION 2. Said chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking
39 out section 21A½ and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

40 Section 21A½. (a) In any city or town that accepts this section, an assessor or assistant
41 assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has been awarded a
42 certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified assessment
43 evaluator or who has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing
44 Officers, Inc. as a certified Massachusetts assessor shall receive as compensation from such city
45 or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in such
46 office, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular compensation.

47 (b) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study
48 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
49 Officers as a residential evaluation specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the
50 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a residential Massachusetts assessor
51 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation
52 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 5 per cent of such
53 regular compensation.

54 (c) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study
55 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing
56 Officers as an assessment administration specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the
57 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a Massachusetts accredited assessor

58 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation
59 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 3 per cent of such
60 regular compensation.

61 (d) An assessor or assistant assessor who has been awarded more than 1 of the certificates
62 referred to in this section shall receive such additional compensation for only 1 of such
63 certificates. In order to qualify for such additional compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor
64 shall submit proof that they have been awarded such certificates to the mayor or the select board
65 of such city or town. The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any 12-
66 month period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor
67 for 12 consecutive months. In those cities and towns that accept the provisions of section 21A,
68 this section shall not apply.