

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1860**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc T. Lombardo***

*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 increasing the dispute limit for small claims court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>4/29/2025</i>

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By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1860) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to increase the dispute limit for small claims court. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act increasing the dispute limit for 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 SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$7,000”, in line 6, and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following figure:- \$20,000.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 21 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby further  
5 amended by striking out the figure “\$7,000”, in line 42, and inserting in place thereof the  
6 following figure:- \$20,000.

7 SECTION 3. Section 22 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
8 striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “\$20 for claims of \$500 for less and \$30 for claims of  
9 greater than \$500” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- \$30 for claims of \$500 or  
10 less, \$40 for claims of greater than \$500 but less than or equal to \$2000, \$90 for claims of  
11 greater than \$2000 but less than or equal to \$5000, \$140 for claims greater than \$5,000 but less

12 than or equal to \$10,000, \$250 for claims greater than \$10,000 but less than or equal to \$15,000  
13 and \$500 for claims greater than \$15,000.

14 SECTION 4. Said section 22 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby further  
15 amended by striking out the third paragraph.