

HOUSE No. 1884

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rita A. Mendes

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 improving juror compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Rita A. Mendes</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1884) of Rita A. Mendes relative to the amount of funds expended for juror compensation and reimbursement. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act improving juror compensation.

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 49 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the word “fifty” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following words: - one hundred.

4 SECTION 2. Section 50 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by striking out, in line 9, the word “fifty” and inserting in place thereof the following
6 words: - one hundred.

7 SECTION 3. Section 51 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 amended by adding, in line 1, after the word “trial” the following words: - “or grand”.

9 SECTION 4. Section 51 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further
10 amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “fifty” and inserting in place thereof the following
11 words: - one hundred.

12 SECTION 5. Section 51 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further
13 amended by adding, in line 4, after the word “trial” the following words: - “or grand”.

14 SECTION 6. Said chapter 234A is hereby further amended by striking out sections 52 to
15 54, inclusive, as so appearing.

16 SECTION 7. Section 55 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
17 amended by striking out, in line 15, the word “fifty” and inserting in place thereof the following
18 words: - one hundred.

19 SECTION 8. Section 55 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further
20 amended by striking out, in line 23, the word “fifty” and inserting in place thereof the following
21 words: - one hundred.

22 SECTION 9. Section 59 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
23 amended by striking out in lines 12 - 13, the words “three hundred and fifty” and inserting in
24 place thereof the following words: -- seven hundred.

25 SECTION 10. Section 59 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
26 further amended by adding, in line 16, after the word “court” the following sentence – The trial
27 court shall submit annual reports to the legislature on the amount of funds expended for juror
28 compensation and reimbursement, including funds disbursed pursuant to G. L. c. 234A, § 56.