

HOUSE No. 1860

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>

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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.