# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2202**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

## Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims cases.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden
Sheila C. Harrington	1st Middlesex
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Richard Bastien	2nd Worcester
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Steven L. Levy	4th Middlesex
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth

FILED ON: 1/20/2011

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2202) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims cases. The Judiciary.

# [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1441 OF 2009-2010.]

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as most recently amended
- 2 by chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the words "two thousand
- 3 dollars", in lines 6 and 35, and inserting in place thereof in both instances the following figures:--
- 4 \$5,000.
- 5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply only to such cases as
- 6 are filed on or after said effective date. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any
- 7 court of this commonwealth of jurisdiction over any case filed prior to the effective date of this
- 8 act.