

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2978**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Ellen Story*

*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 the cost of living adjustments for retired judges.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Ellen Story*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*3rd Hampshire*

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By Ms. Story of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2978) of Ellen Story relative to the cost-of-living adjustments for retired judges. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2552 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the cost of living adjustments for retired judges.

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

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 65J the following new section:-

3 Section 65L. All justices of the supreme judicial court, appeals court and the several  
4 departments of the trial court, who have reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 prior to  
5 January 1, 2011, and after said date, under the Massachusetts Constitution, Part II, c.3, article 1,  
6 as amended by the Article 98 of the Amendments, shall be entitled to an adjustment to their  
7 annual pension; and said pension shall be in increased at the same rate of increase, if any, as the  
8 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Workers for the Northeast Region  
9 commencing the July 1, 2012, and every year thereafter.