

HOUSE No.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1498 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “two thousand dollars”, in lines 6 and 35,
3 and inserting in place thereof in both instances the following figures:-- \$5,000.

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5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply only to such cases as are
6 filed on or after said effective date. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any court of
7 this commonwealth of jurisdiction over any case filed prior to the effective date of this act.

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