

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

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 the compensation of judicial officers and cost of living adjustments.

PETITION OF:

NAME: _____ | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: _____

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

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 22 of Chapter 211 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official*
2 *Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the*
3 *following sentence: The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive a salary of*
4 *\$186,579.00; and each Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive a salary of*
5 *\$180,097.00, all effective July 1, 2009; and such compensation shall be increased at the same*
6 *rate of increase, if any, as the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban*
7 *Workers for the Northeast Region commencing the first day in July of the year Two Thousand*
8 *and Ten, and every year thereafter, and the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices shall*
9 *annually receive from the Commonwealth upon the certificate of the Chief Justice the amount of*
10 *expenses incurred by each of the them in the discharge of their duties.*

11 *SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 211A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official*
12 *Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the*
13 *following sentence: The Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court shall receive a salary*
14 *of \$173,156.00; and each Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court shall receive a*
15 *salary of \$166,653.00, all effective July 1, 2009; and such compensation shall be increased at*
16 *the same rate of increase, if any, as the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for*
17 *Urban Workers for the Northeast Region commencing the first day in July of the year Two*
18 *Thousand and Ten, and every year thereafter; and the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices*
19 *shall annually receive from the Commonwealth upon the certificate of the Chief Justice the*
20 *amount of expenses incurred by each of the them in the discharge of their duties.*

21 *SECTION 3. Section 4 of Chapter 211B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official*
22 *Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first three paragraphs and inserting in place*
23 *thereof the following three paragraphs:*

24 1. *The salaries of the Justices of the Trial Court shall be paid by the Commonwealth. Each Associate*
25 *Justice shall receive a salary of \$160,000; The Chief Justice of the several Departments of the*
26 *Trial Court shall receive a base salary of \$166,699.00; The Chief Justice for Administration and*
27 *Management shall receive a salary of \$173,156.00, all effective July 1, 2009, and such*
28 *compensation shall be in increased at the same rate of increase, if any, as the percentage*
29 *change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Workers for the Northeast Region commencing*
30 *the first day in July of the year Two Thousand and Ten, and every year thereafter.*

