

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

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Relative to Assessment Certification.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Ellen Story

3rd Hampshire

Stanley C. Rosenberg

Hampshire and Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1593 OF 1997-1998.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION.

*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 56 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first two sentences and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following two sentences:—

4           Every fifth year, the commissioner shall certify as to whether the board of assessors is assessing  
5 property at full and fair cash valuation. Once certified, a city or town may classify in the manner set out  
6 in this section for the year of certification and for the four years next following said year of certification.

7           SECTION 2. The provisions of section one of this act shall be applicable to all certifications issued by  
8 the commissioner after the effective date of this act.