

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Candaras, Gale (SEN)

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 rate of compensation paid to court appointed attorneys

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Candaras, Gale (SEN)

First Hampden and Hampshire

William N. Brownsberger

24th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RATE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS.

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 11 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
2 section 69 of the acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following new sentence:—
- 4 The rates of compensation payable to all counsel, who are appointed or assigned to represent indigents
5 within the private counsel division of the committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b)
6 of section 6, shall, subject to appropriation, be as follows: for homicide cases the rate of compensation
7 shall be \$105 per hour; for superior court non-homicide cases, including sexually dangerous person
8 cases, the rate of compensation shall be \$65 per hour; for district court cases and children in need of
9 services cases the rate of compensation shall be \$53 per hour; for children and family law cases, care
10 and protection cases, sex offender registry cases and mental health cases the rate of compensation shall
11 be \$55 per hour.