

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Joyce**

*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 to increase the small claims statutory maximum.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Joyce

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00932 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SMALL CLAIMS STATUTORY MAXIMUM.

*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. Chapter 218, Section 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out the term “two thousand dollars” in line six and inserting in place thereof, the following:-  
3 “five thousand dollars”.

4           SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

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