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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:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*
Richard Bastien	*2nd Worcester*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2202) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims cases. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1441* OF 2009-2010.]

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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:

SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the words "two thousand dollars", in lines 6 and 35, and inserting in place thereof in both instances the following figures:-- $5,000.

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