

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2688**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to assessment certification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Ellen Story*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*3rd Hampshire*

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By Ms. Story of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2688) of Ellen Story relative to the certification of the assessing of property at full and fair cash valuation. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2748 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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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 is hereby amended by striking  
2 out the first two sentences and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:-

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

7 SECTION 2. Said section 56 is hereby amended in line 71, by striking the word  
8 "triennial", and inserting in place thereof the words "five year".

9 SECTION 3. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be applicable to all  
10 certifications issued by the commissioner after the effective date of this act.