

By Mr. Sheehy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1136) of Paul J. Sheehy for legislation relative to the qualifications of assessors in the Bureau of Local Assessment in the Department of Revenue. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

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 4 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

3 All appraisers in the Bureau of Local Assessment shall have an
4 appraisal designation or be a candidate for an appraisal
5 designation by a recognized appraising institute or organization.
6 No person within said bureau shall be designated a supervisor or
7 have any supervision over any other appraiser unless said
8 supervisor shall have in addition to the designation or candidacy
9 set forth in the preceding sentence, a degree from a four-year
10 college or university with a major in economics.

11 The Bureau of Local Assessment shall establish appraisal
12 standards for certification review every three years and the same
13 shall be on file and available for public inspection. There shall
14 be a five-year certification review and the current triennial
15 certification shall be abolished.

16 Any commissioner, deputy commissioner, bureau chief,
17 assistant bureau chief, supervisor or their designee shall not
18 interfere, intimidate, threaten, coerce or discuss testimony or the
19 merits of any matter pending before any agency, board,
20 commission, or department of the commonwealth, in which any
21 employee of the department has been duly summoned as a witness.
22 Any of the above named officials who interferes with any such

23 witness shall be subject up to a fine of not less than \$500.00 and
24 not more than \$1,000.00 upon proof of such interference filed with
25 the Attorney General. Said fine shall be payable to the person who
26 called or summoned said witness.

27 A copy of the filing of said interference shall also be filed with
28 the commissioner who shall conduct a show cause hearing within
29 ten days thereof to suspend without pay said official named herein
30 for a period of not more than thirty days.