

SENATE No. 1100

By Mr. McKinnon, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1100) of Allan R. McKinnon and William J. Callahan for legislation to establish the assessors qualification commission. **Taxation.**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ASSESSORS QUALIFICATION COMMISSION.

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 24 of chapter 41, to be amended by adding at the end
2 of section 24 the following: —

3 For the purpose of enabling assessors and assistant assessors
4 in the performance of the duties of their offices in compliance
5 with statutory requirements there is hereby created an unpaid
6 commission to be known as the Assessors Qualification Com-
7 mission whose membership shall comprise the state tax com-
8 missioner or his designee, the president of the Association of
9 Massachusetts Assessors, or his designee and a third person to
10 be appointed by the governor, whose term of office shall be
11 co-terminous with that of the governor. The Assessors Quali-
12 fication Commission shall annually, in at least five different
13 locations within the commonwealth, conduct an educational
14 program consisting of such lectures, courses, conferences or
15 seminars as it may consider necessary to enable all assessors
16 and assistant assessors to be and to remain qualified for their
17 official positions and to enable those who are qualified, or who
18 become qualified, to improve and update their knowledge of the
19 assessing profession. The Commission may use, to accomplish
20 its purposes, the assistance of all available educational, pro-
21 fessional and institutional organizations and also the officers
22 and personnel of the state and local governments. Every as-
23 sessor and assistant assessor who first assumes his office on or
24 after January first, 1976, shall have a period of three years
25 from the date on which he assumes office to become certified

26 by the Assessors Qualification Commission, by attending such
27 part or parts of its educational program as he may consider to
28 be of assistance to him and he must attend such part of the
29 Commission's educational program as it directs. The Commis-
30 sion shall issue a certificate of qualification to all who par-
31 ticipate in its educational program and who satisfactorily com-
32 plete such program or programs as the Commission may pre-
33 scribe for him. The certificate so issued shall be for the life-
34 time of the recipient. The Commission shall notify the mayor
35 or the selectmen of the municipality in which the assessor or
36 assistant assessor hold office, to whom a certificate is issued.
37 The Commission shall also notify the mayor or selectmen of
38 the municipality in which an assessor or assistant assessor
39 holds office if an assessor or assistant assessor refuses to par-
40 ticipate in the Commission's program when directed to do so,
41 or, having participated in the program, fails to be certified by
42 the Commission.

43 All assessors and assistant assessors holding those offices on
44 the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be qualified by
45 the Commission and shall be issued certificates to that effect.

46 This act shall take effect upon its adoption.