

HOUSE No. 4251

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

INITIATIVE PETITION OF DIANA DIZOGLIO AND OTHERS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

BOSTON, JANUARY 16, 2024.

Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Sir: — I herewith transmit to you, in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution an initiative petition for “A Law Expressly Authorizing the Auditor to Audit the Legislature,” signed by ten qualified voters and filed with this department on or before December 6, 2023, together with additional signatures of qualified voters in the number of 94,404, being a sufficient number to comply with the Provisions of said Article.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AN INITIATIVE PETITION.

Pursuant to Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended, the undersigned qualified voters of the Commonwealth, ten in number at least, hereby petition for the enactment into law of the following measure:

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act expressly authorizing the Auditor to audit the Legislature.

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority, as follows:

1 SECTION 1.

2 The first sentence of section 12 of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
3 2022 Official Edition, is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

4 Section 12. The department of the state auditor shall audit the accounts, programs,
5 activities and functions directly related to the aforementioned accounts of all departments,
6 offices, commissions, institutions and activities of the commonwealth, including those of
7 districts and authorities created by the general court and the general court itself, and including
8 those of the income tax division of the department of revenue, and for such purposes, the
9 authorized officers and employees of the department of the state auditor shall have access to such
10 accounts at reasonable times and the department may require the production of books,
11 documents, vouchers and other records relating to any matter within the scope of an audit
12 conducted under this section or section 13, except tax returns.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>CITY OR TOWN</u>
Diana DiZoglio	30 Olive Street	Methuen
Jonathan Hecht	159 Russell Avenue	Watertown
Jennifer Nassour	12 Mountainview Road	Wellesley
Yvonne M. Spicer	3 North Lane	Framingham
Marcus S. Vaughn	35 Rochambeau Avenue	Wrentham
Neil M. M. Morrison	75 Oakridge Drive	Taunton
Paula F. Morrison	75 Oakridge Drive	Taunton
Erin Leahy	9 Cleveland Street, # 3	Somerville
Gary D. Bernard	11 Fairfield Avenue, # 2	Melrose
Susan A. Bernard	11 Fairfield Avenue, # 2	Melrose

CERTIFICATE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Honorable William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

RE: Initiative Petition No. 23-34: Initiative Petition for A Law Expressly
Authorizing the Auditor to Audit Legislature

Dear Secretary Galvin:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 48 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, I have reviewed the above-referenced initiative petition, which was submitted to me on or before the first Wednesday of August of this year.

I hereby certify that this measure is in proper form for submission to the people; that the measure is not, either affirmatively or negatively, substantially the same as any measure which has been qualified for submission or submitted to the people at either of the two preceding biennial state elections; and that it contains only subjects that are related or are mutually dependent and which are not excluded from the initiative process pursuant to Article 48, the Initiative, Part 2, Section 2.

In accordance with Article 48, I enclose a fair, concise summary of the measure.

Sincerely,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL,
Attorney General.

Enclosure

Summary of 23-34.

This proposed law would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.