

**Massachusetts House of Representatives**  
**Bill Summary**

- Bill #:** H.2259
- Title:** An Act authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit
- Sponsor:** Rep. Kip Diggs
- Committee:** Municipalities and Regional Government
- Hearing Date:** 5/13/25
- Prior History:** H.5090 OTP (2023-2024)
- Current Law:** Chapter 328 of the Acts of 1926 established the Cotuit Fire District in the town of Barnstable. The law described the service area, powers and duties of the district, established a three-member elected prudential committee and provided for regular district meetings to take place to elect officers, raise money and appropriate funds for the operation of the fire district.
- Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2000 increased the borrowing limit to \$1,500,000.
- Summary:** This special legislation amends the special acts which established the Cotuit Fire District by inserting language that authorizes the district to raise, appropriate and transfer funds to the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit in Barnstable to provide for its operational needs and programming and preservation services.
- Notes:** This language was approved as Article 20 by the voters of the May 31, 2023 meeting of the Cotuit Fire District by a vote of 40 in favor and 13 against. The Prudential Committee did not recommend passage of this non-binding proposal, put forth as a citizen petition.