

**CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES
2026 Session
Proposed Resolution No. 6**

Supporting the voter's approval for an audit of the State Legislature

Whereas, government transparency is essential for a functioning and successful democracy, and;

Whereas, our elected officials' primary function is to serve the will of the people, and;

Whereas, the need for elected officials to respect the will of the voters is paramount to maintaining confidence and trust in our government, and;

Whereas, the State Auditor is independently elected by the people of Massachusetts to provide independent oversight of government and public agencies , and;

Whereas, The State Auditor conducts independent and objective performance audits of each department, office, commission, agency, authority, institution, court, county, and any other activity of the Commonwealth, including programs and contractors of the foregoing entities, at least once in every three fiscal years, and

Whereas, By virtue of this same mandate, the State Auditor may also audit any city, town, or school district upon request of the governing body thereof or pursuant to a petition of the residents from the locality concerned. Regardless of the entity subject to audit, all audits conducted by the Office of the State Auditor are performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and

Whereas, through an affirmative vote of 72%, the voters authorized the State Auditor to audit the State Legislature through a 2024 ballot initiative, and;

Whereas, the State Legislature has refused to respect the will of a majority of the voters and allow the State Auditor to legally conduct an audit , and;

Whereas, the State Legislature is attempting to circumvent the will of the voters by passing legislation which purposely restricts the scope of State Auditor's audit,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Cape Cod Regional Government:

requests that the House of Representatives and the State Senate immediately comply with the will of a majority of the voters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and cooperate with the State Auditor to conduct the audit rather than attempt to limit, delay or redefine it through separate legislative action.

Adopted unanimously by the Assembly of Delegates on July 1, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan L. Warner", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Warner, Speaker