

HOUSE No. 2045

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Paul W. Mark

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2045) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Paul W. Mark (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit the books and accounts of said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit.

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 1. Article 7 of section 22 of chapter 72 of the acts of 2013 is hereby amended
2 by striking out Section 7-6 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 SECTION 7-6 INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

4 The city council shall annually provide for an outside audit of the books and accounts of
5 the city to be conducted by a certified public accountant or a firm of certified public accountants,
6 which has no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the city or any of its
7 officers. The mayor shall annually provide to the city council a sum of money sufficient to
8 satisfy the estimated cost of conducting the audit as presented to the mayor, in writing, by the
9 city council. The city council may award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit on or before
10 September 15 of the first year of the contract year. The report of the audit shall be filed in final
11 form with the city council not later than March 1 in the year following its award. At least every 5

12 years, the city council shall conduct a competitive procurement process to retain these auditing
13 services.

14 SECTION 2. All contracts for audit services entered into or executed by the city before
15 the effective date of this act shall be valid and enforceable.