



**House  
Legislative  
Analysis  
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**STATUTORY REFERENCES TO  
AUDITOR GENERAL**

**House Bills 5713 and 5714  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Julian**

**House Bills 5715 and 5716  
Sponsor: Rep. Gilda Z. Jacobs**

**House Bills 5717 and 5718  
Sponsor: Rep. Alexander C. Lipsey**

**House Bill 5719-5721  
Sponsor: Rep. Wayne Kuipers**

**Committee: House Oversight and  
Operations**

**Complete to 2-22-02**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5713-5721 AS INTRODUCED 2-21-02**

The bills would amend several acts to delete references to certain duties of the auditor general.

House Bill 5713 would amend the Drain Code (MCL 280.271 and 280.323) to change references to the auditor general so that the act would refer instead to the state treasurer. Changes would be made in provisions concerning delinquent taxes assessed by a county drain commissioner, and concerning assessments on state land under the Drain Code.

House Bill 5714 would amend Public Act 294 of 1915 (MCL 285.122 and 285.128), which created the agricultural fair commission, to delete references to the auditor general in a provision concerning the posting of bond to the state by commission members, and in a provision referring to the expenditure of state funds by warrant. The provisions would refer instead to the state treasurer.

House Bill 5715 would amend the act entitled "Of certain state officers" (MCL 124.29 and 14.32) to delete references to the auditor general in provisions that allow elected state officials to request the attorney general to defend against lawsuits, and to request opinions of the attorney general.

House Bill 5716 would amend Public Act 230 of 1941 (MCL 322.1 et al.) to change references to the auditor general to refer instead to the state treasurer. The act allows for the sale or lease of property by the state.

House Bill 5717 would amend Public Act 197 of 1883 (MCL 322.460), which provides for the disposition of property granted to the state for railroad purposes, to delete references to the

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auditor general and instead specify that the state treasurer would perform functions related to assessment of taxes under the act.

House Bill 5718 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.33934 et al.) to amend provisions concerning delinquent taxes and land leases, fur dealers' licenses, fisheries maintenance, and municipal forests. The bill would delete references to the auditor general and insert references to the state treasurer and the Department of Treasury.

House Bill 5719 would amend Public Act 16 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extra Session of 1942 (MCL 388.803), which concerns the receipt of federal grants for educational purposes, to replace references to the auditor general with references to the state treasurer.

House Bill 5720 would amend Public Act 116 of 1893 (MCL 393.60 et al.), which provides for the management of the school for the deaf. The bill would replace references to the auditor general with references to the state treasurer in provisions concerning an inventory of property, expenditures by the board of trustees, payment of expenses to board members, and the provision of financial assistance to persons unable to afford to attend the school.

House Bill 5721 would amend Public Act 123 of 1893 (MCL 393.109 and 393.110), which provides for management of the school for the blind. It would substitute references to the state treasurer with references to the auditor general in provisions concerning payment for transportation, clothing, and other expenses for needy students.

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