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Senate Bills 884 through 918 (as introduced 1-30-02)
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Committee: Government Operations

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CONTENT

The bills would amend the following statutes to remove references to the Auditor General:

- Public Act 149 of 1919, which pertains to Federal appropriations for vocational education (Senate Bill 884).
- The Social Welfare Act (Senate Bill 885).
- Public Act 59 of 1921, which pertains to relieving counties and the State from supporting certain aliens subject to deportation (Senate Bill 886).
- Public Act 329 of 1937, which provides for compensation for certain peace officers injured on duty (Senate Bill 887).
- Revised Statute 21 of 1846, which pertains to auction duties received by county treasurers (Senate Bill 888).
- Public Act 89 of 1933, which pertains to protective committees (Senate Bill 889).
- Public Act 263 of 1909, which provides for appropriations for the annual meeting of a Michigan dairyman's association (Senate Bill 890).
- Public Act 182 of 1881, which provides for the incorporation of pipeline companies (Senate Bill 891).
- The Insurance Code (Senate Bill 892).
- The Revised Judicature Act (Senate Bill 893).
- The Code of Criminal Procedure (Senate Bill 894).
- The prison code (Senate Bill 895).
- Public Act 181 of 1881, which pertains to interest payment on educational funds (Senate Bill 896).
- The Veterans' Trust Fund law (Senate Bill 897).
- The State Board of Equalization law (Senate Bill 898).
- Public Act 99 of 1917, which provides for the construction and maintenance of Federal roads (Senate Bill 899).
- Public Act 358 of 1921, which authorizes the State to reimburse counties and townships for 50% of their costs for eradication of grasshoppers and other pests (Senate Bill 900).
- Public Act 140 of 1863, which pertains to money received from the sale of lands donated to the State (Senate Bill 901).
- Public Act 139 of 1909, which pertains to the construction and maintenance of hospitals and sanatoria (Senate Bill 902).
- Public Act 269 of 1909, which prescribes the powers of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees (Senate Bill 903).
- Public Act 96 of 1931, which provides for the construction and maintenance of roads in a U.S. forest (Senate Bill 904).
- Public Act 143 of 1859, which pertains to certain university fund interest (Senate Bill 905).
- Public Act 232 of 1901, which pertains to payments from the State's General Fund to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees (Senate Bill 906). (The bill also would repeal Section 5 of the Act, which requires the Board, when considering spending any surplus funds accumulated under the Act for any building, sewer system, or heating system, to submit the plans to the State.)

- Public Act 177 of 1925, which provides for hospitals and sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis (Senate Bill 907).
- Public Act 4 of 1947, which authorized the sale of bonds and use of the proceeds for payments to World War II veterans or their survivors (Senate Bill 908).
- The Veterans' Military Pay Act (Senate Bill 909).
- The Korean Veterans' Military Pay Fund Act (Senate Bill 910).
- Public Act 72 of 1945, which pertains to the prevention of the importation and spread of insect pests and plant diseases (Senate Bill 911).
- Public Act 311 of 1905, which pertains to the furnishing of bonds by State officials (Senate Bill 912).
- Revised Statute 60 of 1846, which pertains to the sale of certain State lands (Senate Bill 913).
- The General Property Tax Act (Senate Bill 914).
- Public Act 162 of 1933, which pertains to municipal school district taxes (Senate Bill 915).
- Public Act 92 of 1943, which pertains to protection of the public interest in certain State lands (Senate Bill 916).
- Public Act 130 of 1907, which provides for certain purchases of State land (Senate Bill 917).
- Public Act 263 of 1897, which pertains to the duties of the Auditor General regarding taxes and charges on certain State land (Senate Bill 918).

MCL 395.7 & 395.8 (S.B. 884)
 400.15 (S.B. 885)
 404.32 (S.B. 886)
 419.103 (S.B. 887)
 446.30 (S.B. 888)
 451.313 (S.B. 889)
 453.452 (S.B. 890)
 483.222-483.224 (S.B. 891)
 500.204 & 500.208 (S.B. 892)
 600.2123 et al. (S.B. 893)
 774.26a & 776.6 (S.B. 894)
 800.49 & 800.61 (S.B. 895)
 21.201 (S.B. 896)
 35.607 & 35.608 (S.B. 897)
 209.3 & 209.4 (S.B. 898)
 249.1 (S.B. 899)
 286.132-286.135 (S.B. 900)
 322.178 & 322.180 (S.B. 901)
 331.105 (S.B. 902)
 390.120 (S.B. 903)
 249.33 (S.B. 904)
 21.211 (S.B. 905)
 390.224 & 390.225 (S.B. 906)
 332.159 & 332.164 (S.B. 907)
 35.901 (S.B. 908)
 35.928 (S.B. 909)
 35.977 & 35.979 (S.B. 910)
 286.255 (S.B. 911)
 15.71 & 15.72 (S.B. 912)
 322.319 (S.B. 913)
 211.35 et al. (S.B. 914)
 211.255 (S.B. 915)
 211.371-211.374 (S.B. 916)
 211.451-211.454 (S.B. 917)
 211.541 (S.B. 918)

BACKGROUND

Currently, many statutes authorize the Auditor General to execute pay warrants, audit plats, perform duties related to property taxes, and perform many other functions. Public Act 43 of 1959 transferred the warrant functions of the Auditor General to the Department of Treasury. Further, the Executive Organization Act of 1965 transferred all of the Auditor General's powers to the Department of Treasury, except those granted in Article 4, Section 53 of the State Constitution, and abolished the office of elected auditor general. Many statutes that refer to the Auditor General were never amended to reflect these changes.

Article 4, Section 53 of the State Constitution requires the Legislature to appoint an Auditor General, for an eight-year term. The Legislative Auditor General must conduct post audits and performance post audits of the financial transactions and accounts of the State and its departments, offices, agencies, boards, and commissions, and report at least annually to the Legislature and the Governor. Upon the direction of the Legislature, the Auditor General may employ independent accounting firms or legal counsel, and make investigations pertinent to the conduct of audits. The Auditor General "shall be assigned no duties other than those specified in this section".

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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