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House Bill 5661 (Substitute H-1 as reported with amendment)
House Bill 5662 through 5673 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Bruce Patterson (H.B. 5661-5663, 5668, & 5669)
Representative Wayne Kuipers (H.B. 5664 & 5665)
Representative Larry Julian (H.B. 5666 & 5667)
Representative Gilda Z. Jacobs (H.B. 5670 & 5671)
Representative Alexander C. Lipsey (H.B. 5672 & 5673)
House Committee: House Oversight and Operations
Senate Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

Most of the bills would amend various statutes to delete references to the Auditor General. Several bills would repeal statutes, or sections of statutes, that contain references to the Auditor General.

House Bill 5661 (H-1) would remove references to the Auditor General from Public Act 153 of 1897, which provides for the payment of expenses for litigation in which the State is involved. In addition, the bill would repeal Section 2 of the Act, which requires the Attorney General to complete a statement of expenses and submit it to the Auditor General.

House Bill 5662 would delete references to the Auditor General from Public Act 375 of 1927, which pertains to the collection of past due amounts owed to the State.

House Bill 5663 would repeal Public Act 200 of 1879, which requires the Auditor General and the commissioner of the State land office to post a bond upon taking office. The bill also would repeal Public Act 1 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1948, which prescribes the compensation levels of certain State officers; and Section 3 of Public Act 111 of 1861, which pertains to the issuance of warrants by the Auditor General on State bank accounts.

House Bill 5664 would remove references to the Auditor General from Public Act 2 of 1921, which created the State Administrative Board.

House Bill 5665 (H-1) would amend the uniform system of accounting Act, which requires the Auditor General to prescribe and install a system of accounting for State departments and counties, and requires periodic auditing. In addition to removing references to the Auditor General and replacing them with references to the State Treasurer, the bill would eliminate references to State departments and agencies, but retain requirements for county governments; would require a county to file an annual financial report within six months after the close of each fiscal year rather than within 30 days; and would delete a requirement that a copy of the annual compilation of these reports be furnished to each State department, institution, and office. Further, the bill would repeal Section 13 of the Act, which pertains to payment of the Auditor General's expenses for administering the Act.

House Bills 5667 through 5673 would amend the following statutes to delete references to the Auditor General:

- Public Act 59 of 1935, which created the Michigan State Police (House Bill 5666).
- The State Employees' Retirement Act (House Bill 5667).
- Public Act 246 of 1931, which pertains to the construction and maintenance of pavements and sidewalks along public roads (House Bill 5668).
- Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, which pertains to county officers (House Bill 5669).
- The Home Rule Village Act (House Bill 5670).
- The Fourth Class City Act (House Bill 5671).
- Public Act 123 of 1949, which provides for the disconnection of land from cities and villages (House Bill 5672).
- Public Act 190 of 1879, which provides for filling vacancies in certain public offices (House Bill 5673).

MCL 14.111 & 14.112 (H.B. 5661)
 14.133 (H.B. 5662)
 15.41 (H.B. 5663)
 17.1 (H.B. 5664)
 21.41 et al. (H.B. 5665)
 28.12a (H.B. 5666)
 38.9 (H.B. 5667)
 41.280 (H.B. 5668)
 51.82 (H.B. 5669)
 78.9 (H.B. 5670)
 102.4 (H.B. 5671)
 123.34 (H.B. 5672)
 201.91 (H.B. 5673)

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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