

## AUDITOR GENERAL DUTIES

House Bills 5611-5615

Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Patterson  
Committee: House Oversight and  
Operations

Complete to 2-12-02

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5611-5615 AS INTRODUCED 2-12-02

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

House Bill 5611 would amend Public Act 16 of 1895 (MCL 15.51). The act requires the secretary of state and the deputy secretary of state, and the private secretary and the executive clerk of the governor, to provide bonds to the people of the state, “conditioned for the faithful discharge of their official duties”, and for the safe and lawful custody of money and property entrusted to them. The act requires that the bonds be given with three or more sureties to be approved by the auditor general and the attorney general, and requires that certain of the bonds be filed and kept in the office of the auditor general. The bill would eliminate references to the auditor general in these provisions, and instead require the state treasurer to fulfill those duties.

House Bill 5612 would amend Public Act 204 of 1958 (MCL 2.53), concerning the compensation and mileage payments to delegates to the constitutional convention. The act requires such payments to be paid monthly by the state treasurer upon warrants of the auditor general. The bill would delete the references to the auditor general in this provision.

House Bill 5613 would amend Public Act 62 of 1872 (MCL 6.15), concerning trials of impeachment. The bill would delete a requirement that the auditor general countersign a certificate stating the expenses of the Senate and the House of Representatives in conducting proceedings under the act.

House Bill 5614 would amend Public Act 6 of 1901 (MCL 10.11), which allows the governor to employ clerks and assistants, who are to be compensated on the warrant of the auditor general. The bill would eliminate the reference to the auditor general and instead provide that the state treasurer would issue warrants to pay these employees. In addition, the bill would delete a provision that limits that salaries of the governor’s assistants to \$1,200 per year.

House Bill 5615 would amend the statute entitled “Of certain state officers”, Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 (MCL 15.36). The act requires certain officers to take the constitutional oath of office. The bill would amend this act to delete references to the deputy auditor general, as well as to the acting commissioner of internal improvements and the secretary of the board of internal improvements.

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