Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004 (Appropriations Committee) (At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state auditor; and to amend and reenact section 54-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state auditor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the state auditor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state auditor, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

Administration	\$ 259,483
Division of local government audits	1,130,139
Division of state audits	3,363,047
Mineral royalty auditing	682,420
Total all funds	\$5,435,089
Less estimated income	1,812,559
Total general fund appropriation	\$3,622,530

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. Section 1 of this Act includes an appropriation of up to \$1,130,139 in funds generated by the state auditor from political subdivision audit service fees for the period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999. Any amount in excess of \$1,130,139 must be deposited in the state auditor operating account and made available for appropriation after June 30, 1999.

- **SECTION 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Upon approval of the emergency commission, the state auditor may transfer between various line items in section 1 of this Act appropriation authority of up to ten percent of a given line item to adjust for changing circumstances in meeting established performance measures. Any further transfers must be approved by the budget section.
- **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-10-10 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- **54-10-10. Salary of state auditor.** The annual salary of the state auditor is <u>fifty-two</u> <u>fifty-five</u> thousand <u>seven four</u> hundred <u>eighty-seven</u> <u>sixty-four</u> dollars through June 30, <u>1998</u>, and <u>fifty-three fifty-seven</u> thousand <u>eight one</u> hundred <u>forty-three twenty</u> dollars thereafter.

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