

March 24, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state auditor; and
2 to amend and reenact section 54-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary
3 of the state auditor.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
8 federal funds, to the state auditor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state auditor,
9 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$14,627,899	\$843,128	\$15,471,027
13 New and vacant FTE pool	0	626,476	626,476
14 Operating expenses	1,719,771	69,321	1,789,092
15 Information technology consultants	450,000	135,000	585,000
16 Total all funds	\$16,797,670	\$1,673,925	\$18,471,595
17 Less other funds	6,486,821	4,630	6,491,451
18 Total general fund	\$10,310,849	\$1,669,295	\$11,980,144
19 Full-time equivalent positions	65.00	(4.00)	61.00

1	Salaries and wages	\$14,627,899	\$469,987	\$15,097,886
2	New and vacant FTE pool	0	626,476	626,476
3	Operating expenses	1,719,771	156,166	1,875,937
4	Information technology consultants	450,000	135,000	585,000
5	Total all funds	\$16,797,670	\$1,387,629	\$18,185,299
6	Less other funds	6,486,821	(478,481)	6,008,340
7	Total general fund	\$10,310,849	\$1,866,110	\$12,176,959
8	Full-time equivalent positions	65.00	(6.00)	59.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Cost related to new FTE	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Peer review	25,000	0	25,000
Audit software migration	<u>25,200</u>	<u>10,800</u>	<u>36,000</u>
Grand total	\$50,200	\$13,800	\$64,000

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The

state auditor may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 54-10-10 of 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 ~~one hundred thirty thousand one hundred thirty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-six~~ dollars through June 30, ~~2024~~2026, and ~~one hundred thirty-five thousand two hundred one hundred forty-three thousand four hundred thirty-four~~ dollars thereafter.