

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004
(Appropriations Committee)

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 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and federal funds, to the state auditor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state auditor, 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>
Salaries and wages	\$14,627,899	\$469,987	\$15,097,886
New and vacant FTE pool	0	626,476	626,476
Operating expenses	1,719,771	156,166	1,875,937
Information technology consultants	<u>450,000</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>585,000</u>
Total all funds	\$16,797,670	\$1,387,629	\$18,185,299
Less other funds	<u>6,486,821</u>	<u>(478,481)</u>	<u>6,008,340</u>
Total general fund	\$10,310,849	\$1,866,110	\$12,176,959
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.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1004.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 1 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State