

**2021 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1276**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1276  
1/21/2021

Relating to payment for a special state auditor
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**Vice Chairman Koppelman** Opened the hearing at 3:11PM.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Daily pay rate

**Rep.Schreiber-Beck** introduced the bill and testified in favor with testimony #2159.

**Rep. Magrum:** Motion for a Do Pass.

**Rep. Stemen** seconded.

Roll Call Vote. <b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Pamela Anderson	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	N
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

Motion carried. 13-1-0

**Rep. Schauer** will carry the bill.

**Vice Chairman Koppelman** closed the hearing at 3:21 PM.

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk by Donna Whetham*

***HB 1276 was reconsidered on 1-22-2021.***

HB1276 Committee Hearing – Thursday January 21 2021 @ 2pm

House Gov and Veterans Affairs -- Pioneer Room

Good afternoon Vice Chairman Koppleman and members of the committee.

For the record, I am Cindy Schreiber-Beck and serve the citizens of District 25 which is in the SE corner of the North Dakota.

The proposed legislation is the result of reviewing code. It appeared the section was outdated – which was correct since it was written in 1967. A pay rate of \$40 per day and state travel rates may have been reflective of that era but it is doubtful that one could obtain audit services at that rate today. In fact, the required 2-year audit of the Wahpeton Airport Authority, an extremely simple audit, completed in 2020, was at a cost of \$8450.

The ability to employ an outside auditor or consultant occurs in 54-10-01 Powers and duties of state auditor; 54-1-14 Political subdivisions (alternative audits and reports); 54-10-29 Audits of computer systems and 54-10-30 State board of higher education audits. – code reads:

- When conducting work required by the federal government, the auditor can contract services w/ approval of the legislative audit and review committee
- With prior approval the state auditor can hire a consultant for performance audits
- For any audits and reviews the state auditor is authorized to perform or provide for, the audit or review may be provided for by contract with a private certified or licensed public accountant or other qualified professional
- A political subdivision, at the option of its governing body, may be audited by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant rather than the state auditor
- The state auditor may procure the services of a specialist in information security systems or contractors deemed necessary in conducting a review under audits of computer systems
- Section 54-10-30, state board of higher education audits, does not prohibit the state board of higher education from employing internal audit staff or contracting for internal audit services

This is simply proposed legislation to update antiquated code.

I would appreciate your consideration with a do pass.

Thank you Vice Chair Koppleman and Committee Members.

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## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1276 PM  
1/22/2021

Relating to payment for a special state auditor
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**Vice Chair B. Koppelman** called committee to order 1:48pm

**Discussion Topics:**

- Committee work

**Rep. Rohr** motion to reconsider

**Rep. Magrum** second

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jim Kasper	A
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Pamela Anderson	N
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Karen Karls	A
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	N
Representative Mary Schneider	N
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

Motion carried 9-3-2

**Vice Chair B. Koppelman** adjourned 1:50pm

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk by Anna Fiest*



# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1276  
2/11/2021

Relating to payment for a special state auditor
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**Chairman Kasper** called committee to order 10:29 a.m.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jim Kasper	P
Representative Ben Koppelman	P
Representative Pamela Anderson	P
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	P
Representative Karen Karls	P
Representative Scott Louser	P
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	A
Representative Mitch Ostlie	P
Representative Karen M. Rohr	A
Representative Austen Schauer	P
Representative Mary Schneider	P
Representative Vicky Steiner	P
Representative Greg Stemen	P
Representative Steve Vetter	P

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

**Vice Chair B. Koppelman** presented amendment 21.0809.01002

**Vice Chair B. Koppelman** moved to adopt amendment 21.0809.01002

**Rep. Steiner** seconded the motion

**Voice vote. Motion carries.**

**Rep. Rohr** motion do pass as amended

**Rep. Steiner** second

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Pamela Anderson	N
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y

Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	A
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	N
Representative Mary Schneider	N
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	N

Motion carried 9-4-1

**Rep. B. Koppelman** will carry the bill

**Chairman Kasper** closed meeting 10:46 a.m.

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk by Anna Fiest*

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2/11/21

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to repeal section 54-10-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a special state auditor.

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

**SECTION 1. REPEAL.** Section 54-10-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1276: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)**  
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends  
**DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1276 was placed  
on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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**2021 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1276  
3/12/2021

<b>Relating to a special state auditor.</b>
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**Chair Vedaa** opened the hearing at 11:00 AM with Sen Vedaa, Meyer, Elkin, K Roers, Weber, Wobbema, and Marcellais present.

### Discussion Topics:

- New auditing possibility
- Amendment 21.0809.02001
- Amendment 21.0809.02002

**Rep Schreiber-Beck – Dist 25** introduced the bill, proposed amendments #8967

**Rep B. Koppelman – Dist 16** – testified in favor

**Rep Kasper** – testified in favor

**Brianna Ludwig, Auditors Office** – testified neutral

**Leslie Bakken Oliver, Governor Office** – testified neutral to clarify

**Additional written testimony: none**

Adjourned at 11:38 AM

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

1276  
For the record, I am Cindy Schreiber-Beck and serve the citizens of District 25 which is in the SE corner of the North Dakota.

The original proposed legislation (that was amended by repealing the section in the House) is the result of reviewing code. It appeared the following section was outdated – which was correct since it was written in 1967.

*54-10-20. Special state auditor. The governor, at such time as the governor may consider it for the best interests of the state, may appoint a special state auditor to examine any of the state institutions, state industries, state departments, or public offices. Such special state auditor shall have all the powers and authority that are granted to the state auditor in making such audits and also shall examine into and report upon such other matters connected with the state institutions and public offices as the governor may direct. The special state auditor shall receive as compensation for such services the sum of forty dollars per day for the time actually employed upon such examinations and must be paid traveling expenses at the same rate as is paid other state employees which compensation and expenses are to be paid upon vouchers approved by the governor, in the same manner as state officers' salaries are now paid.*

A pay rate of \$40 per day and state travel rates may have been reflective of that era but it is doubtful that one could obtain audit services at that rate today. In fact, the required 2-year audit of the Wahpeton Airport Authority, an extremely simple audit, completed in 2020, was at a cost of \$8450.

The ability to employ an outside auditor or consultant occurs in 54-10-01 Powers and duties of state auditor; 54-1-14 Political subdivisions (alternative audits and reports); 54-10-29 Audits of computer systems and 54-10-30 State board of higher education audits. – these sections of code read:

- When conducting work required by the federal government, the auditor can contract services w/ approval of the legislative audit and review committee
- With prior approval the state auditor can hire a consultant for performance audits
- For any audits and reviews the state auditor is authorized to perform or provide for, the audit or review may be provided for by contract with a private certified or licensed public accountant or other qualified professional
- A political subdivision, at the option of its governing body, may be audited by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant rather than the state auditor
- The state auditor may procure the services of a specialist in information security systems or contractors deemed necessary in conducting a review under audits of computer systems
- Section 54-10-30, state board of higher education audits, does not prohibit the state board of higher education from employing internal audit staff or contracting for internal audit services

The original legislation was simply to update antiquated code, but the amended version removed the ability for the governor to hire an outside auditor – and for multiple reason I believe the governor should have the option, not for power but for the people.

Thus, I am bringing forth two amendments for your review and consideration. Either option would provide the governor with the ability to hire an outside or special auditor.

Thank you for your time.



## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

Introduced by

Representative Schreiber-Beck

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 54-10-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the appointment of a special auditor; and to repeal section 54-10-20 of the North  
3 Dakota Century Code, relating to a special state auditor.

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

5 **SECTION 1. REPEAL.** Section 54-10-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

6 **SECTION 2.** Section 54-10-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
7 as follows:

8 **54-10-15.1. Audit of a state institution, industry, or department by order of the**  
9 **governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee.**

10 1. If a special audit is determined to be in the best interest of the state, the governor or  
11 the legislative audit and fiscal review committee may appoint a special auditor to  
12 examine any state institution, state industry, state department, or public office.

13 2. An appointed special auditor must be a certified public accountant in good standing  
14 with the board of accountancy. The special auditor has all the powers and authority  
15 granted to the state auditor in making audits and shall examine and report upon other  
16 matters connected with a state institution, state industry, or state department as the  
17 governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee may direct. The special  
18 auditor must be compensated for services, including travel expenses. Compensation  
19 and expenses are to be approved by the appointing authority and paid in the same  
20 manner as state officers' salaries are now paid.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact section 54-10-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the appointment of a special auditor; and"

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

**"SECTION 2.** Section 54-10-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**54-10-15.1. Audit of a state institution, industry, or department by order of the governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee.**

1. If a special audit is determined to be in the best interest of the state, the governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee may appoint a special auditor to examine any state institution, state industry, state department, or public office.
2. An appointed special auditor must be a certified public accountant in good standing with the board of accountancy. The special auditor has all the powers and authority that are granted to the state auditor in making audits and shall examine and report upon other matters connected with a state institution, state industry, or state department as the governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee may direct. The special auditor must be compensated for services, including travel expenses. Compensation and expenses are to be approved by the appointing authority and paid in the same manner as state officers' salaries are now paid."

Renumber accordingly



Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

Introduced by

Representative Schreiber-Beck

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
relating to audits by order of the governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee;  
and to repeal section 54-10-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a special state  
auditor.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-10-15. Audits ~~of political subdivisions~~ by order of governor or the legislative audit  
and fiscal review committee, upon petition, or upon request of the state court  
administrator.**

1. If a special audit is determined to be in the best interest of the state, the governor or  
the legislative audit and fiscal review committee may appoint a special auditor to  
examine any state institution, state industry, state department, or public office. An  
appointed special auditor must be a certified public accountant in good standing with  
the board of accountancy. The appointed auditor has all the powers and authority  
granted to the state auditor in making audits and shall examine and report upon other  
matters connected with the state institution, state industry, or state department as the  
governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee may direct. The appointed  
auditor must be compensated for services, including travel expenses. Compensation  
and expenses are to be approved by the appointing authority and paid in the same  
manner as state officers' salaries are paid.

2. The state auditor, by duly appointed deputy auditors or other authorized agents, shall  
audit or review the books, records, and financial accounts of any political subdivision  
when ordered by the governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee,



1 requested by the governing board, or upon petition of at least thirty-five percent of the  
2 qualified electors of any political subdivision enumerated in section 54-10-14 voting for  
3 the office of governor at the preceding general election or, in the case of school  
4 districts, upon petition of at least thirty-five percent of the qualified electors voting at  
5 the preceding school board election, or upon the request of the state court  
6 administrator with respect to clerk of district court services provided by a county in  
7 accordance with chapter 27-05.2. Fees for the audits must be paid in accordance with  
8 the provisions of section 54-10-14.

9 **2.3.** If an audit is ordered due to financial irregularities or allegations of embezzlement, the  
10 governor may suspend an elected or appointed school board member from the  
11 individual's duties if the governor determines suspension is in the best interest of the  
12 state pending the results of the audit. If the governor suspends an elected or  
13 appointed school board member, the governor immediately shall provide notice to the  
14 school board with which the suspended member serves. Within five days of receiving  
15 notice, the school board shall appoint an individual to replace the suspended member  
16 to serve during the pendency of the audit. The governor shall consult with the  
17 superintendent of public instruction in determining whether suspension of a member of  
18 a school board is in the best interest of the state.

19 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 54-10-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.



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2. The state auditor, by duly appointed deputy auditors or other authorized agents, shall audit or review the books, records, and financial accounts of any political subdivision when ordered by the governor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee, requested by the governing board, or upon petition of at least thirty-five percent of the qualified electors of any political subdivision enumerated in section 54-10-14 voting for the office of governor at the preceding general election or, in the case of school districts, upon petition of at least thirty-five percent of the qualified electors voting at the preceding school board election, or upon the request of the state court administrator with respect to clerk of district court services provided by a county in accordance with chapter 27-05.2. Fees for the audits must be paid in accordance with the provisions of section 54-10-14.
- ~~2-3.~~ If an audit is ordered due to financial irregularities or allegations of embezzlement, the governor may suspend an elected or appointed school board member from the individual's duties if the governor determines suspension is in the best interest of the state pending the results of the audit. If the governor suspends an elected or appointed school board member, the governor immediately shall provide notice to the school board with which the suspended member serves. Within five days of receiving notice, the school board shall appoint an individual to replace the

suspended member to serve during the pendency of the audit. The governor shall consult with the superintendent of public instruction in determining whether suspension of a member of a school board is in the best interest of the state."

Renumber accordingly

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1276  
3/25/2021

<b>Relating to a special state auditor.</b>
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**Chair Vedaa** called to order at 11:53 AM with Sen Vedaa, Meyer, Elkin, K Roers, Weber, Wobbema, and Marcellais present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Committee Work
- Amendment 21.0809.02001

Leslie Bakken Oliver – Governor's Office gave additional information committee requested

**Sen K Roers** moved amendment 21.0809.02001

**Sen Elkin** seconded

**Voice Vote Taken: Motion Passed**

**Sen K Roers** moved a **Do Pass as Amended**

**Sen Marcellais** seconded

**Roll Call Vote : 5 -- YES 2 -- NO -0-ab Motion Passed**

Senators	Vote
Senator Shawn Vedaa	N
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jay R. Elkin	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Mark F. Webber	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	N

**Sen K Roers will carry the bill**

Adjourned at 12:03 PM

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

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3/25  
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Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1276, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Vedaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1276 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly



**2021 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1276**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1276  
4/13/2021  
Conference Committee

Relating to payment for a special state auditor
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**Chairman Kasper** opened the conference committee at 2:30 p.m.

All conference members were present:

Chairman Kasper-P  
Rep. B. Koppelman-P  
Rep. Steiner-P

Chairman Meyer-P  
Senator K. Roers-P  
Senator Wobbema-P

### Discussion Topics:

- LAFRC involvement
- Outside auditors
- Timely audits

**Josh Gallion, State Auditor**, appeared to give information and answer questions.

**Senator Meyer** moved that the **SENATE recede from Senate amendments. Senator K. Roers** seconded.

**Roll call vote. Motion passes. 6-0-0. Rep. B. Koppelman** is the House carrier.  
**Senator K. Roers** is the Senate carrier.

**Chairman Kasper** ended at 2:49 p.m.

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk*

Date: 4/13/2021  
Roll Call Vote #:   1  

**2021 HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1276 as (re) engrossed

**House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**

- Action Taken**    ☐ **HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments**  
☐ **HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments and further amend**  
☒ **SENATE recede from Senate amendments**  
☐ **SENATE recede from Senate amendments and amend as follows**
- ☐ **Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Senator Meyer                      Seconded by: Senator K. Roers

Representatives	4/13			Yes	No		Senators	4/13			Yes	No
Chairman Kasper	X			X			Chairman Scott Meyer	X			X	
Rep. B. Koppelman	X			X			Senator K. Roers	X			X	
Rep. Steiner	X			X			Senator Wobbema	X			X	
Total Rep. Vote				3			Total Senate Vote				3	

Vote Count              Yes:   6                        No:   0                        Absent:   0  

House Carrier    Rep. B. Koppelman              Senate Carrier    Senator K. Roers

LC Number                      .                      of amendment

LC Number                      .                      of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1276, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Meyer, K. Roers, Wobbema and Reps. Kasper, B. Koppelman, Steiner) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1340-1341 and place HB 1276 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1276 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.