

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1066

Introduced by

Representatives Sveen, Boucher, Gunter, Wentz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-10-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the authority of the state auditor to conduct audits of the international peace garden.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-10-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-10-01. Powers and duties of state auditor.** The state auditor shall:

- 7 1. Be vested with the duties, powers, and responsibilities involved in performing the
8 postaudit of all financial transactions of the state government, detecting and
9 reporting any defaults, and determining that expenditures have been made in
10 accordance with law and appropriation acts.
- 11 2. Perform or provide for the audit of the general purpose financial statements and a
12 review of the material included in the comprehensive annual financial report of the
13 state and perform or provide for the audits and reviews of state agencies, including
14 occupational or professional boards provided for by law. The state auditor shall
15 audit or review each state agency once every two years. The state auditor shall
16 determine the contents of the audits and reviews of state agencies. The state
17 auditor may conduct any work required by the federal government. The state
18 auditor shall charge an amount equal to the cost of the audit and other services
19 rendered by the state auditor to all agencies that receive and expend moneys from
20 other than the general fund. This charge may be reduced for any agency that
21 receives and expends both general fund and nongeneral fund moneys. The
22 governing board of any occupational or professional board shall provide for an
23 audit once every two years by a certified public accountant or licensed public
24 accountant who shall submit the audit report to the state auditor's office. If the

report is in the form and style as prescribed by the state auditor, the state auditor may not audit that board. Alternatively, an occupational or professional board may request the state auditor to do its audit, and if the state auditor agrees to do so, the state auditor shall deposit the fees charged to the occupational or professional board into the state auditor operating account. Audits and reviews may be conducted at more frequent intervals if requested by the governor or legislative audit and fiscal review committee.

3. Be vested with the authority to determine whether to audit the international peace garden at the request of the board of directors of the international peace garden.

4. Perform or provide for performance audits of state agencies as determined necessary by the state auditor or the legislative audit and fiscal review committee. A performance audit must be done in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to performance audits.

~~4.~~ 5. For the audits and reviews the state auditor is authorized to perform or provide for under this section, the audit or review may be provided for by contract with a private certified or licensed public accountant or other qualified professional. If the state auditor determines that the audit or review will be done pursuant to contract, the state auditor, except for occupational or professional boards, shall execute the contract, and any executive branch agency, including higher education institutions, shall pay the fees of the contractor.

~~5.~~ 6. Be responsible for the above functions and report thereon to the governor and the secretary of state in accordance with section 54-06-04 or more often as circumstances may require.

~~6.~~ 7. Perform all other duties as prescribed by law.