

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2004

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state auditor;
2 and to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 54-10-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the powers and duties 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
6 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the state auditor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state auditor,
9 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, as follows:

10	Salaries and wages	\$5,981,437
11	Operating expenses	<u>717,771</u>
12	Total all funds	\$6,699,208
13	Less estimated income	<u>2,117,976</u>
14	Total general fund appropriation	\$4,581,232

15 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** Section 1 of this Act includes an appropriation of up
16 to \$1,264,865 in funds generated by the state auditor from political subdivision audit service
17 fees for the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005. Any amount in excess of
18 \$1,264,865 must be deposited in the state auditor operating account and made available for
19 appropriation after June 30, 2005.

20 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 54-10-01 of the North Dakota
21 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

1 standards applicable to performance audits. The state auditor may not hire a
2 consultant to assist with conducting a performance audit of a state agency without
3 the prior approval of the legislative audit and fiscal review committee. The state
4 auditor shall notify an agency of the need for a consultant before requesting
5 approval by the legislative audit and fiscal review committee. The agency that is
6 audited shall pay for the cost of any consultant approved.