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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:

| Adjustments or | | | |
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| | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>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 |

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|---|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 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 |

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

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

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|----|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 14 | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
| 15 | Cost related to new FTE | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| 16 | Peer review | 25,000 | 0 | 25,000 |
| 17 | Audit software migration | <u>25,200</u> | <u>10,800</u> | <u>36,000</u> |
| 18 | Grand total | \$50,200 | \$13,800 | \$64,000 |

19 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
20 state auditor may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in
21 section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds
22 from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance
23 with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the
24 sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

25 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **54-10-10. Salary of state auditor.**

28 The annual salary of the state auditor is ~~one hundred thirty thousand one hundred thirty-nine~~
29 ~~thousand two hundred fifty-six~~ dollars through June 30, 2024~~2026~~, and ~~one hundred thirty-five~~
30 ~~thousand two hundred one hundred forty-three thousand four hundred thirty-four~~ dollars
31 thereafter.