

SENATE BILL No. 160

February 11, 2003, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, KUIPERS, BISHOP, BIRKHOLZ, ALLEN, GARCIA, CROPSEY and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to provide for the audit and examination of this state and state funds; to provide for the audit and examination of the books and accounts of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this state; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state officers and employees; to provide for access to certain records; to provide for the subpoena of witnesses and production of documents and records; and to provide for the administration of this act.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The auditor general shall conduct audits and
2 examinations of all branches, departments, offices, boards,
3 commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this
4 state.

5 (2) In connection with the audits and examinations described

1 in this act, the auditor general may examine, or cause to be
2 examined, the books, accounts, documents, records, activities,
3 and affairs of each branch, department, office, board,
4 commission, agency, authority, and institution of this state.

5 (3) Upon demand of the auditor general, deputy auditor
6 general, or any person appointed by the auditor general to make
7 the audits and examinations provided in this act, the officers
8 and employees of all branches, departments, offices, boards,
9 commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this
10 state shall produce for examination all books, accounts,
11 documents, and records of their respective activities and affairs
12 and truthfully answer all questions relating to their books,
13 accounts, documents, and records of their respective activities
14 and affairs.

15 (4) In connection with audits and examinations described in
16 this act, the auditor general, deputy auditor general, or any
17 person appointed to make audits and examinations may issue
18 subpoenas, direct the service of the subpoena by any police
19 officer, and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses;
20 may administer oaths and examine any person as may be necessary;
21 and may compel the production of books, accounts, papers,
22 documents, and records. The orders and subpoenas issued by the
23 auditor general, deputy auditor general, or any person appointed
24 with the duty of making the examinations provided in this
25 subsection may be enforced upon application to any circuit court
26 as provided by law.

27 (5) The auditor general may employ and compensate auditors,

1 examiners, and assistants as he or she considers necessary. In
2 addition, the auditors, examiners, and assistants shall be paid
3 their necessary traveling expenses while engaging in the duties
4 provided under this act. Compensation and expenses shall be paid
5 out of the funds appropriated for that purpose. The auditor
6 general and the deputy auditor general shall receive their actual
7 traveling expenses incurred while engaging in the duties provided
8 under this act, which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated
9 for that purpose.

10 (6) As used in this act, "auditor general" means the
11 individual appointed auditor general under section 53 of article
12 IV of the state constitution of 1963.