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House of Representatives, January 26, 1993

An Act to Provide for the Direct Election of the State Auditor.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway.

Cosponsored by Representatives BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, KUTASI of Bridgton, LOOK of Jonesboro, PENDEXTER of Scarborough, PLOWMAN of Hampden, YOUNG of Limestone, Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA 241, as amended by PL 1973, c. 792, 1, is further amended to read:

6 241. State Auditor; salary

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8 The State Auditor shall-be is the head of the Department of Audit, as heretefere established by this chapter. He-shall The State Auditor must be a certified public accountant or a college 10 graduate with not less than 6 years of experience as a 12 professional accountant or auditor, including not less than 5 years of auditing experience, of which not less than 4 years 14 shall must have been in a supervisory capacity. He-shall-be elected-by-the-Legislature-by-a-joint-ballot-of-the-Senators-and 16 Representatives-in-convention-and-shall-hold-office-for-a-term-of 4-years-or-watil-his-successor-is-elected-and qualified -- He The 18 State Auditor is elected every 4 years in the same manner as the Governor. If a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall appoint a 20 successor who is subject to confirmation in the same manner as Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. The State Auditor shall 22 exercise such the powers and perform such the duties as-are set forth in this chapter. In-case-the-office-of-State-Auditor-shall become--vacant-during--a-period-when-the-Legislature--is-not--in 24 session, - the - appointment -of - a - person - to - fill - such - vacancy - shall 26 be-made-immediately-by-the-President-of-the-Senate-or-if-that effice-be--vacant,-by-the-Speaker-of-the-House,-said-person-to 28 hold-office-until--such-time-as-the-Legislature-shall-meet-in regular-or-special-session, - and either -confirm -the -appointment-of 30 said-person-or-choose-another-person-to-fill-the-office-during the-unexpired-term. 32

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for the popular election of the State Auditor every 4 years.