

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 1414

S.P. 440

In Senate, March 11, 1997

**An Act to Provide for Removal of a State Auditor Who Fails to Meet the  
Statutory Qualifications for the Office.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representative: DONNELLY of Presque Isle.

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

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**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §241**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 792, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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If a person elected to the office of State Auditor is not qualified as, or has not successfully completed or passed the examination for, a certified public accountant, public accountant or certified internal auditor at the time of election and fails to become so qualified within 9 months of being sworn into office, as required by section 242, that person may no longer serve as State Auditor and is ineligible for reelection by the same Legislature and the office of State Auditor is deemed vacant.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill provides that a person elected to the position of State Auditor who fails to meet the qualifications of certified public accountant, public accountant or certified internal auditor within the authorized 9 months after taking office may no longer serve as State Auditor and is ineligible for reelection by the same Legislature.