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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1269, L.D. 1795, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Qualifications of State Auditor"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

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

§241. State Auditor; salary

The State Auditor shall be is the head of the Department of Audit, as heretofore established. He shall The State Auditor must be a certified public accountant or a college graduate with not less than 6 years of experience as a professional accountant or auditor, including not less than 5 years of auditing experience, of which not less than 4 years shall have been in a supervisory capacity. He shall be The State Auditor is elected by the Legislature by a joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention and shall hold holds office for a term of 4 years or until his a successor is elected and qualified. He shall exercise The State Auditor exercises such powers and perform performs such duties as are set forth in this chapter. In case the office of State Auditor shall become becomes vacant during a period when the Legislature is not in session, the appointment of a person to fill such vacancy shall must be made immediately by the President of the Senate or if that office be is vacant, by the Speaker of the House, said person to hold office until such time as the Legislature shall meet meets in regular or special session, and either confirm confirms the appointment of said person or choose chooses another person to fill the office during the unexpired term.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the  
following:

4 'Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to state auditors  
6 elected after the effective date of this Act.'

8 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
10 consecutively.

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14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment changes a 2nd section of law that refers to  
the qualifications of the State Auditor to conform to changes  
made in the bill and to update language. The amendment also  
18 clarifies that the bill applies to state auditors elected after  
the effective date of this Act.