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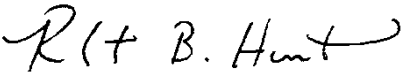
No. 1017

H.P. 755

House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

An Act To Let the Citizens of the State Choose Their State Auditor

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §241, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 16, §1, is further amended
3 to read:

4 The State Auditor is the head of the Office of the State Auditor. The State Auditor
5 must be a certified public accountant or a college graduate with not less than 6 years of
6 experience as a professional accountant or auditor, including not less than 5 years of
7 auditing experience, of which not less than 4 years must have been in a supervisory
8 capacity. ~~The~~ Until 2024, the State Auditor must be elected by the Legislature by a joint
9 ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention and holds office for a term of 4
10 years or until a successor is elected and qualified. Beginning in 2024, the State Auditor is
11 elected every 4 years in the same manner as is the Governor. If a vacancy occurs, the
12 Governor shall appoint a successor who is subject to confirmation in the same manner as
13 Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. The State Auditor shall exercise ~~such~~ the powers
14 and perform ~~such~~ the duties as are set forth in this chapter. ~~In case the office of State~~
15 ~~Auditor becomes vacant during a period when the Legislature is not in session, the~~
16 ~~appointment of a person to fill such vacancy must be made immediately by the President~~
17 ~~of the Senate or if that office is vacant, by the Speaker of the House, and the person~~
18 ~~appointed holds that office until such time as the Legislature meets in regular or special~~
19 ~~session, and either confirm the appointment of the person or chooses another person to fill~~
20 ~~the office during the unexpired term.~~

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill provides for the popular election of the State Auditor every 4 years beginning
23 in 2024.