

House Bill 298 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 compensation of certain state officials, and Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official  
3 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state auditor, so as to provide that the  
4 compensation of the state auditor may be recommended by the Governor and shall be fixed  
5 by the Legislative Services Committee; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective  
6 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation  
10 of certain state officials, is amended by striking paragraph (6) of subsection (a) and inserting  
11 in its place a new paragraph to read as follows:

12 "(6) State auditor .....99,608.00 Reserved".

13 SECTION 2.

14 Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
15 state auditor, is amended by striking Code Section 50-6-20, relating to compensation of the  
16 state auditor, and inserting in its place a new Code Section to read as follows:

17 "50-6-20.

18 The state auditor shall be paid a salary ~~to be determined~~ which may be recommended by  
19 the Governor and shall be fixed by the Legislative Services Committee created under Code  
20 Section 28-4-1 and shall also be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred  
21 by the state auditor in carrying out his or her official duties. Until the first action of the  
22 Legislative Services Committee to fix the salary of the state auditor, the compensation of  
23 the state auditor shall continue unchanged. The state auditor shall devote his or her entire  
24 time to the performance of the duties of the office of state auditor and shall give bond, to  
25 be filed with and approved by the Comptroller General, in the sum of \$10,000.00, payable

1 to the Governor and the Governor's successors in office, conditioned that the state auditor  
2 shall truly and faithfully perform the duties of the office of state auditor and shall account  
3 for all public funds coming into the state auditor's hands or under the state auditor's  
4 control, the premium on which bond shall be paid by the state."

5 **SECTION 3.**

6 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
7 without such approval.

8 **SECTION 4.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.