

Auditor General

General Overview

Article IV, Section 53 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides for the appointment, qualifications, term, and responsibilities of the Legislative Auditor General. The Legislature, by a majority vote of members elected and serving in each house, appoints the Auditor General to serve for a term of eight years. The Auditor General has to be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in Michigan. The Auditor General is ineligible for election or appointment to any other public office in this State from which compensation is derived while serving as Auditor General and for two years following termination of his or her services. The Office of Auditor General conducts post financial and performance audits on all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of the State established by the State Constitution or law. In FY 2001-02 the Office of the Auditor General completed 73 audits and contracted for 21 additional audits. As of September 30, 2002, the Office of the Auditor General consisted of 155 professional audit staff and 19 staff in professional support positions.