

further provides for an annual audit to be made by the State Auditor, a Certified Public Accountant, or a Fiscal Auditing Committee, of the books of each county, incorporated city or town, or local taxing unit having a population of 2500 or more (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 19, secs. 49-59).

	1948	1949
Appropriations	\$25,000	\$25,000
Staff: 2.		

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	1948	1949
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Staff: 14.		