Auditor.

- P. G. L., (1860,) art. 16, sec 18. 1785, ch 72, sec 17 1814, ch. 94, sec. 4. 1870, ch. 74.
- 18. Every judge of a court of equity may appoint, during his pleasure, a person of integrity, judgment and skill in accounts, to be auditor for the court of which he is judge, who shall, before he enters upon the duties of his appointment, take an oath, to be administered by the judge making the appointment, well and faithfully to execute the duties of his office, without favor, affection, partiality or prejudice; and all accounts to be stated, audited, or settled by such court, shall be referred for such purpose to the auditor, who shall have power to administer oaths to all witnesses and persons proper to be examined upon such accounts, and shall audit, state and settle such accounts agreeably to the order of the court, and shall return the same to the court to be done with as the court shall think just; and in all cases where the regular auditor of any circuit court of this State may be interested in any cause, or connected therewith as counsel, or in case of sickness, or absence of such auditor, or for other cause existing where it may not be proper for such auditor to act, it shall and may be lawful for the said court, or the judges or judge thereof holding the same, to appoint by order a special auditor, to whom reference shall be made instead of the regular auditor; and the powers, duties and compensation of such special auditor shall be in all respects the same as those of the regular auditor of said court, and such special auditor shall in all cases, before acting as such take the oath prescribed to be taken by the regular auditor.

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