

2-1218.

(a) The head of the Office of Legislative Audits is the Legislative Auditor, who shall be appointed by the Executive Director, subject to the approval of the President and the Speaker.

(b) The Legislative Auditor must:

(1) be licensed as a certified public accountant in the State;

(2) at the time of appointment, have at least 3 years' auditing experience; and

(3) while in office, be covered by a surety bond in the form and amount required by law.

(c) The Legislative Auditor serves without a fixed term and may be removed by the Executive Director, subject to the approval of the President and the Speaker.

(d) The Legislative Auditor is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

(e) Subject to the policies and directives of the President and the Speaker, the Joint Audit Committee, and the overall supervision and control of the Executive Director, the Legislative Auditor has general administrative control of the operation of the Office of Legislative Audits.

(f) The Legislative Auditor shall devote full time to the duties of office and shall serve in a nonpartisan capacity.

2-1219.

(a) With the approval of the Executive Director, the Legislative Auditor shall appoint a Deputy Legislative Auditor and other professional staff AND MAY CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANTS AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.

(b) (1) The Deputy Legislative Auditor must be licensed as a certified public accountant in the State.

(2) The Deputy Legislative Auditor:

(i) has the duties delegated by the Legislative Auditor; and

(ii) may be designated by the Executive Director to act as Legislative Auditor if the office is vacant or the Legislative Auditor is unable to perform the duties of office.

(c) With the approval of the Executive Director, the Legislative Auditor shall appoint professional staff to conduct audits of local school systems in accordance with [§ 2-1220(f)] § 2-1220(E) of this subtitle.

2-1219.1.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, "EXAMINATION" INCLUDES ALL AUTHORIZED WORK AND REQUIRED AUDITS UNDER § 2-1220 OF THIS SUBTITLE.