

Article – State Government

2-1212.

There is an Office of Legislative Audits in the Department.

2-1213.

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

(b) (1) For 1 year after appointment and, if the Director extends the probationary period, for 1 additional 6-month period, the Legislative Auditor is in a probationary status and may be dismissed by the Director with the approval of the President and the Speaker.

(2) After the probationary period, the Legislative Auditor serves without a fixed term and, with the approval of the President and the Speaker, may be removed as provided in § 2-1207(g) of this subtitle.

(c) 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' accounting experience;

and

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

(d) Subject to the policies and directives of the Director and the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, the Legislative Auditor has general administrative control of the operation of the Office of Legislative Audits.

(e) The Legislative Auditor shall devote full time to the duties of office.

2-1214.

(a) With the approval of the Director, the Legislative Auditor shall appoint a Deputy Legislative Auditor and other professional staff.

(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 Director to act as Legislative Auditor if the office is vacant or the Legislative Auditor is unable to perform the duties of office.

2-1215.

(a) (1) In this subsection, "unit" includes EACH STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, AND PROGRAM, INCLUDING each clerk of court and each register of wills.