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02/23/2017	757	Introduction and first reading Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; regulating the use of certain appropriations by the

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state auditor for litigation expenses; regulating the schedule of charges for calendar

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year 2017.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **STATE AUDITOR LITIGATION EXPENSES; SCHEDULE OF**

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CHARGES.

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Subdivision 1. **Litigation expenses; core functions of the state auditor.** (a) Unless

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funds are otherwise expressly provided by law for this purpose, all costs incurred by the

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state auditor in preparing and asserting a civil claim or appeal, or in defending against a

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civil claim or appeal, related to the proper exercise of the auditor's constitutionally authorized

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core functions must be paid by the auditor's constitutional office division. Only allocations

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made to the constitutional office division on or before January 1, 2017, may be used to pay

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these costs.

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(b) In complying with paragraph (a), the state auditor may not, directly or indirectly,

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decrease allocations previously made to, transfer funds from, or otherwise reduce services

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provided by any other division of the office.

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Subd. 2. **Schedule of charges.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 6.581,

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subdivision 3, or any other law to the contrary, the rates included in the state auditor's

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schedule of charges for examinations conducted in calendar year 2017 must be no greater

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than the rates included in the schedule of charges established for examinations conducted

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in calendar year 2016.