276A.02 ADMINISTRATIVE AUDITOR.

Subdivision 1. **Election.** On or before July 1, 1997, and each subsequent odd-numbered year, the auditors of the counties within the area shall meet at the call of the auditor of St. Louis County and elect from among themselves one auditor to serve as administrative auditor for a period of two years and until a successor is elected. If a majority is unable to agree upon a person to serve as administrative auditor, the commissioner of revenue shall appoint one from among the auditors of the counties in the area. If the administrative auditor ceases to serve as a county auditor within the area during the term for which the administrative auditor was elected or appointed, a successor must be chosen in the manner provided for the original selection to serve for the unexpired term.

Subd. 2. **Staff; expenses.** The administrative auditor shall utilize the staff and facilities of the auditor's office of the county the administrative auditor serves to perform the functions imposed upon the administrative auditor by sections 276A.01 to 276A.09. That county shall be reimbursed for the marginal expenses incurred by its county auditor and staff under this section by contributions from each other county in the area in an amount which bears the same proportion to the total expenses that the population of the other county bears to the total population of the area. By February 1 each year, the administrative auditor shall certify the amounts of total expense for the preceding calendar year, and the share of each county, to the treasurer of each other county. Payment must be made by the treasurer of each other county to the treasurer of the county incurring expense by the succeeding March 1.

History: *1986 c 444; 1996 c 471 art 11 s 4*