

**State Auditor
Budget No. 117
Senate Bill No. 2004, House Bill No. 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	54.80	\$5,545,807	\$2,588,107	\$8,133,914
2007-09 legislative appropriations	54.80	5,656,016	2,585,774	8,241,790
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$110,209	(\$2,333)	\$107,876
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	(0.20)	\$530,011	\$150,633	\$680,644

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the State Auditor is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189. The Legislative Assembly also provided \$115,500 from the general fund for salary equity adjustments within the State Auditor's office.

	Major Items			Total
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		(\$5,291)	(\$2,333)	(\$7,624)
Added funding for salary equity adjustments		115,500		115,500
Total	0.00	\$110,209	(\$2,333)	\$107,876

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation providing for 54.80 FTE positions, a decrease of .20 FTE positions from the 2005-07 biennium. The department in its budget request reduced a 1 FTE position to a .80 FTE position.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2004

Salary of State Auditor - Section 4 provides statutory changes to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-10-10 relating to the salary of the State Auditor. The Legislative Assembly authorized 2007-09 biennium salary increases of 4 percent, effective July 1, 2007, and 4 percent, effective July 1, 2008, for elected officials. The State Auditor's salary is to be increased from the current level of \$73,568 to \$76,511, effective July 1, 2007, and to \$79,571, effective July 1, 2008.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2053 - This bill amends NDCC Section 54-10-29 relating to **audits of computer systems** performed by the State Auditor's office. The bill removes the requirement that the governing board of any political subdivision be notified of tests conducted in connection with the review and assessment of computer systems or related security systems.

House Bill No. 1318 - This bill amends NDCC Section 54-10-28 relating to **information technology responsibilities** of the State Auditor's office. The bill provides that the State Auditor "may" rather than "shall" conduct information technology compliance reviews and monitor major information technology projects for compliance with project management and information technology standards and policies.