

11.21 Repayment objections.

Upon payment by the state of the salary and expenses, the auditor of state shall file with the warrant-issuing officer of the county, municipality or school, whose offices were examined, a sworn statement consisting of the itemized expenses paid and prorated salary costs paid under section 11.20. Upon audit and approval by the board of supervisors, council or school board, the warrant-issuing officer shall draw a warrant for the amount on the county, or on the general fund of the municipality or school in favor of the auditor of state, which warrant shall be placed to the credit of the general fund of the state. In the event of the disapproval of any items of said statement by the county, municipality, or school authorities, written objections shall be filed with the auditor of state within thirty days from the filing thereof. Disapproved items of the statement shall be paid the auditor of state upon receiving final decisions emanating from public hearing established by the auditor of state.

Whenever the county board of supervisors, the school board, or the council shall file written objections on the question of compensation and expenses with the auditor of state, the auditor or the auditor's representative shall hold a public hearing in the municipality where the examination was made and shall give the complaining board notice of the time and place of hearing. After such hearing the auditor shall have the power to reduce the compensation and expenses of the auditor whose bills have been questioned. Any auditor who shall be found guilty of falsifying an expense voucher or engagement report shall be immediately discharged by the auditor of state and shall not be eligible for re-employment. Such auditor must thereupon reimburse the auditor of state for all such compensation and expenses so found to have been overpaid and in the event of failure to do so, the auditor of state may collect the same amount from the auditor's surety by suit, if necessary.

[S13, § 100-a, -e, 1056-a11; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **126**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 11.21]

83 Acts, ch 123, § 28, 209