

**11.19 Auditor's powers and duties.**

Where an examination is made under contract with, or employment of, certified or registered public accountants, the auditor shall, in all matters pertaining to an authorized examination, have all of the powers and be vested with all the authority of state auditors employed by the auditor of state, and the cost and expense of the examination shall be paid by the city, school district, or township procuring the examination. An itemized sworn statement of the per diem and expense of the auditor shall be filed with the clerk of the city, township, or school district, before payment thereof. Upon completion of such examination, a signed copy thereof shall be filed by the accountant employed with the auditor of state.

All reports shall be open to public inspection, including copies on file in the office of the state auditor, and refusal on the part of any public official to permit such inspection when such reports have been filed with the state auditor, shall constitute a simple misdemeanor.

In addition to the foregoing, notice that the report has been filed shall be forwarded immediately to each newspaper, radio station or television station located in the city, school district or township which is under investigation or audit; except that if there is no newspaper, radio station or television station located therein, the notice shall be sent to the official newspapers of the county.

Failure to file the report with the auditor of state within thirty days after receiving notification of not receiving the audit report shall bar the accountant from making any governmental subdivision audits under [section 11.6](#) for the following fiscal year.

[C39, §124.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §11.19]

89 Acts, ch 264, §3

Referred to in [§125.55](#), [216A.98](#), [230A.16](#), [256F4](#)