

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 611

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE SALARY OF THE STATE AUDITOR; CLARIFYING
7 THAT THE STATE AUDITOR IS ALSO THE EX OFFICIO COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND
8 SECURITIES; AMENDING SECTION 2-16-405, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 2-16-405, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"2-16-405. Salaries of certain elected state officials.** (1) The salaries paid to the following elected
14 officials are determined as provided in subsection (2):

- 15 (a) governor;
16 (b) lieutenant governor;
17 (c) attorney general;
18 (d) state auditor, ex officio commissioner of insurance and securities;
19 (e) superintendent of public instruction;
20 (f) public service commission presiding officer;
21 (g) public service commissioners, other than presiding officer;
22 (h) secretary of state;
23 (i) clerk of the supreme court.

24 (2) Before June 30 of each even-numbered year, the department of administration shall conduct a
25 salary survey of executive branch officials with similar titles to the Montana officials listed in subsection (1) for
26 the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Idaho. The department shall include the salary for the
27 Montana official in determining the average salary for the officials with similar titles. If the average salary is
28 greater than the salary for the official in Montana, then beginning July 1 of the year following the year in which

1 the survey is conducted, the average salary is the new salary for the official."

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Applicability.** [This act] applies to the state auditor beginning January 1,

4 2028.

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