

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 123

2015 Regular Session

Thibaut

June 10, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 123 by Representative Thibaut, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2015, be rejected.
2. That Amendment No. 1 in the set of Legislative Bureau Amendments proposed by the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2015, be rejected.
3. That Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 in the set of Legislative Bureau Amendments proposed by the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2015, be adopted.
3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Walsworth and adopted by the Senate on June 8, 2015, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Major Thibaut, Jr.

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Senator "Jody" Amedee

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Representative Timothy G. Burns

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Senator Mike Walsworth

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Representative John "Johnny" Berthelot

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Senator Edwin R. Murray

## DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

AUDITS/AUDITING: Provides relative to the threshold for certain audit requirements

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Change proposed threshold between being required to file certification and an annual financial statement or being required to conduct an annual compilation of financial statements, with or without footnotes, from more than \$100,000 to more than \$75,000 in revenues and funds.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Provided for contracts by the Dept. of Revenue with any political subdivision, municipality, agency, or other third party to secure auditing services, accounting services, or data analytic services and the method of payment for those contracts.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides for the legislative auditor to compile financial statements and to examine, audit, or review the books of the state treasurer, all public boards, commissions, agencies, departments, political subdivisions of the state, public officials and employees, designated public retirement systems, municipalities, and all other public or quasi public agencies or bodies. For certain entities, authorizes filing of audits or other reports prepared by a licensed CPA or a specified certified statement. Also requires auditees to file sworn annual financial statements.

Present law requires that any local auditee or volunteer fire department and certain other auditees that receive \$50,000 or less in any one fiscal year shall not be required to have an audit, but the auditee must file a certification with the legislative auditor indicating that it received \$50,000 or less in funds for the fiscal year, further provides that the auditee shall annually file with the legislative auditor sworn financial statements. Provides that the legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require the auditee to have an audit of its books and accounts. Proposed law changes the amount to \$75,000 or less and otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires any local auditee and certain other auditees that receive more than \$50,000 in any one fiscal year, but less than \$200,000, to conduct an annual compilation of financial statements, with or without footnotes in accordance with the La. Governmental Audit Guide. Provides that the legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require the auditee to have an audit of its books and accounts. Proposed law changes the amount to more than \$75,000 but less than \$200,000 and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(intro. para.), (i)(aa) and (bb), (ii), and (v)(aa) and (3))