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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION OF LAW REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE WILL BE A FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION AND AN INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION, EACH WITH A DIRECTOR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUDITOR MAY APPOINT OR EMPLOY PROFESSIONALS AND ASSISTANTS, OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES, AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE AUDITOR; TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANTS BE QUALIFIED UNDER A MERIT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE AUDITOR; TO DELETE THE RESTRICTION THAT THE AUDITOR MAY NOT DISCHARGE ANY EMPLOYEE COVERED BY THE MERIT SYSTEM, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN ACTS COMMITTED IN VIOLATION OF THE MERIT SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 7-7-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

7-7-203. The State Auditor shall appoint a director for the financial and compliance division and a director for the investigations division of the department * * *. The director of the financial and compliance division shall be a certified public accountant of recognized executive ability and thoroughly familiar with the laws of the state in relation to the financial

administration of the public offices thereof. The director of the investigations division shall be a certified law enforcement officer of recognized executive ability and shall be thoroughly familiar with the laws of the state in relation to the financial administration of the public offices thereof.

The * * * State Auditor * * * may appoint deputy auditors; employ attorneys, certified public accountants and other assistants * * *; or contract for any services necessary to carry out the provisions of this article * * *.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2013.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
April 1, 2013



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 2, 2013



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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