

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE

Senate Joint Resolution No. 21

Offered by Senators Topinka, Watson, DeAngelis, Hall,
Demuzio, O'Daniel, Stern, Geo-Karis and T. Dunn

WHEREAS, An important function of the Auditor General is to research areas in which the use of State resources could be made more efficient; and

WHEREAS, A recent survey identified approximately 150 houses owned by various State entities, ranging in value from from \$5,000 to \$3,500,000, that are provided to State officers and employees for little or no rental cost; and

WHEREAS, News reports have questioned the State's practice of providing housing to State officers and employees for little or no rental cost; and

WHEREAS, The State also provides other housing benefits to State officers and employees in the form of housing reimbursements, allowances or other subsidies; and

WHEREAS, Research is necessary to determine whether the State's practice of providing housing and housing reimbursements, allowances or other subsidies to State officers and employees is an efficient use of State resources; and

WHEREAS, Research is also necessary to determine whether State-owned housing through lease or other arrangements is provided to persons who are not State employees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Auditor General

is directed to conduct a management audit of the State's practice of providing housing and housing reimbursements, allowances or other subsidies to State officers and employees, and, if applicable, State-owned housing to other persons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this audit shall include, but need not be limited to, the following determinations:

1. Whether State entities, including universities and university-related organizations, that provide housing or housing reimbursements, allowances and other subsidies to State officers and employees, have policies and guidance for determining which officers and employees are eligible to receive such housing benefits, how such housing benefits are allocated, and what compensation values should be assigned to such benefits;

2. Whether State entities, including universities and university-related organizations, that provide housing or housing reimbursements, allowances and other subsidies to State officers and employees, account for such housing benefits in officer and employee compensation and whether such treatment or benefits is uniform and consistent throughout the entity;

3. Whether State entities, including universities and university-related organizations, have adequate justification for providing housing or housing reimbursements, allowances and other subsidies to State officers and employees;

4. Whether changes in policies or statutes are necessary to better guide State practices in providing housing or housing reimbursements, allowances and other subsidies to State officers and employees; and

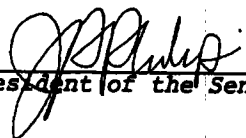
5. Whether State-owned housing is provided through lease or other arrangements to persons who are not State

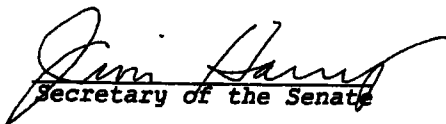
employees and, if so, whether the providing State entity has in place policies for the allocation and use of such housing, and whether the allocation and use of such housing is adequately justified; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all State entities which may have information relevant to this audit shall cooperate fully and promptly with the office of the Auditor General in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall commence the audit as soon as possible and shall report his findings which are to include legislative initiatives and recommendations, by January 31, 1994, to the Legislative Audit Commission and the members of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

Adopted by the Senate, April 28, 1993.


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

Concurred in by the House of Representatives, May 26, 1993.


Speaker of House of Representatives


Clerk of House of Representatives