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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In November 2020, the people of Illinois  
3 overwhelmingly voted "no" on a graduated income tax proposed  
4 by Governor JB Pritzker as a means to increase state revenue;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois has undergone two income tax increases  
7 in the past decade, neither of which have provided a stable  
8 solution to the State's budget woes; and

9 WHEREAS, Certain elected officials actively worked for and  
10 succeeded in expanding State spending since the last tax  
11 increase was enacted in 2017, without any method to pay for the  
12 additional programs; and

13 WHEREAS, These certain members helped ensure that the  
14 General Assembly passed and the Governor signed an FY21 budget  
15 with an estimated \$6.2 billion deficit; and

16 WHEREAS, The State is currently faced with over \$140  
17 billion in unfunded pension liabilities; and

18 WHEREAS, The voters' rejection of the failed graduated  
19 income tax proposal is further proof that citizens no longer  
20 trust government with more tax dollars; and

1       WHEREAS, With additional revenue items exhausted, it is  
2       time for elected officials in Illinois to find other places to  
3       save money; and

4       WHEREAS, A forensic audit is a thorough and evidentiary  
5       audit that can identify corrupt practices and wasteful  
6       spending that have occurred and provide the basis for  
7       prosecution of those who engaged in those practices; and

8       WHEREAS, Identifying waste, fraud, neglect, and abuse is a  
9       first step in restoring Illinois citizens' faith in  
10      government; and

11      WHEREAS, Forensic audit findings, coupled with agency cuts  
12      and efficiencies by the Governor, can make a meaningful dent  
13      in the State's structural deficit; therefore, be it

14      RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15      HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16      the Auditor General is directed pursuant to Section 3-2 of the  
17      Illinois State Auditing Act to conduct a forensic audit of all  
18      State spending, hiring, procurement, and contracts awarded  
19      from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2024; and be it further

20      RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this forensic

1     audit as soon as possible and report the findings and  
2     recommendations upon completion in accordance with the  
3     Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Auditor General, upon finding any  
5     incident of suspected waste, fraud, neglect, or abuse, shall  
6     file a complaint to the Executive Inspector General or other  
7     appropriate Inspector General to be referred for further  
8     investigation; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10    delivered to the Auditor General and the Governor.