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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, The Comptroller estimates that the State's  
14 current bill backlog is \$4.77 billion, not including the \$4.3  
15 billion in short-term and emergency borrowing liabilities that  
16 have to be repaid in the near future; and

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

20           WHEREAS, The State is currently faced with over \$140

1 billion in unfunded pension liabilities; and

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

5 WHEREAS, With additional revenue items exhausted, it is  
6 time for elected officials in Illinois to find other places to  
7 save money; and

8 WHEREAS, A forensic audit is a thorough and evidentiary  
9 audit that can identify corrupt practices and wasteful  
10 spending that have occurred and provide the basis for  
11 prosecution of those who engaged in those practices; and

12 WHEREAS, Identifying waste, fraud, neglect, and abuse is a  
13 first step in restoring Illinois citizens' faith in  
14 government; and

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

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 the Auditor General is directed pursuant to Section 3-2 of the

1 Illinois State Auditing Act to conduct a forensic audit of all  
2 State spending, hiring, procurement, and contracts awarded  
3 from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this forensic  
5 audit as soon as possible and report the findings and  
6 recommendations upon completion in accordance with the  
7 Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

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

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