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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 12

It is proposed that article III, section 12 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 12: Public Auditor. The governor shall appoint a public auditor with the advice and consent of the legislature. The public auditor shall audit the receipt, possession and disbursement of all public funds by any branch, agency or, department and instrumentality of the Commonwealth and shall perform other duties as provided by law. The public auditor shall report his findings to the legislature and the governor at least once every year and such report shall promptly be removed only for cause and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the legislature. In the event that there is a vacancy in the office of public auditor, the presiding officer of the senate shall appoint a temporary public auditor who shall serve until the governor appoints a successor with the advice and consent of the legislature.

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