

**BOARD OF COUNTY AUDITORS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 275 of 1913**

**47.5 Board of county auditors; election, terms, vacancies, eligibility.**

Sec. 5. The board of supervisors of any county instead of electing all the members of the board of auditors may elect by ballot a board of county auditors of not to exceed 3 members, 1 of whom the board of supervisors shall designate as chairman of the board of county auditors. If the board of county auditors consists of 1 man, he shall be elected for a term of 1 year; if the board consists of 2 men, 1 shall be elected for a term of 1 year, and 1 for a term of 2 years; if the board consists of 3 men, 1 shall be elected for 1 year, 1 for 2 years and 1 for 3 years. The term of office of each of these members shall begin on the following January 1. At each October session of the board of supervisors preceding the expiration of the term of office of each of the individual members of the board, his successor shall be appointed by the board of supervisors for a term of 3 years from the following January 1. Every person so elected shall hold for the term of office indicated and until his successor is elected and qualified. No person shall be deemed elected as a member of the board of county auditors who shall not receive a majority vote of all the members of the board of supervisors. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the board of auditors, it shall be filled by the board of supervisors, except in counties now or hereafter having a population of 1,500,000 or more, vacancies shall be filled as provided in section 239 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, being section 168.239 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, and such appointment shall be for the unexpired term of the vacancy so filled. No person holding any office either elective or appointive under any county adopting this act, or any of the townships of the county, or of the state, and no person not an elector of the county shall be eligible to hold the office of county auditor. No more than 2 members of any board of auditors shall be affiliated with the same political party.

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