

# Today's Message

My Chief Campaign Consultant recommended that I summarize and share my Plan with the delegates and alternates to the State Convention; therefore, Today's Message is Jeff's Plan.

I have developed and written a detailed Plan for the State Auditor's Office. It is based upon limited government and fiscal responsibility and includes the proper role of government, which is the *Policing Powers*.

My Plan for the State Auditor's Office is made up of two phases, and each phase has two parts. Phase one part one includes replacing the Audit Practice Division with a Peer Review Division. The Audit Practice Division has an unfunded mandate to audit all 87 counties and three first class cities. By eliminating the Audit Practice Division, I would be privatizing the audits i.e. releasing the governmental entities from the unfunded mandate. This must *not* be done, however, without replacing the Audit Practice Division with a Peer Review Division. *No* change in state statute is required for phase one part one.

The Peer Review Division would police the CPA firms that would do the audit function currently performed by the Audit Practice Division. This would result in a 62% reduction in the State Auditor's Office's biennial budget. This free market approach to auditing would save counties and first class cities thousands of dollars, and the audits would be completed timely.

The second part of the first phase is to expand the newly created peer review program to include oversight over school districts and small cities. The State Auditor's Office has a mandate to oversee counties and first class cities, but *not* school districts and small cities. The CPA firms that are auditing school districts and small cities must be policed as well. This part would require a change in state statute. It would decrease the initial 62% reduction in budgeted expenditures to a final reduction of 56%, but it would bring proper conservative governance and a measure of consistent accounting oversight to all levels of government, not just counties and first class cities.

Phase two also includes a change in state statute and a Constitutional amendment. In part one of phase two, I would like to transfer the policing powers of the State Auditor's Office to the Legislative Auditor's Office [recreating the Public Examiner's Office that existed before the 1973 Reorganization Act](#). The policing powers make up 70% of the current biennial budget of the State Auditor's Office and are made up of the Audit Practice Division/newly created Peer Review Division and the Legal/Special Investigation Division. The newly created position would continue to be *appointed by* and *report to* the Legislative Audit Commission. This would ensure that local governmental audits meet current auditing standards of independence, integrity and objectivity, including being nonpartisan and apolitical.

It is very possible that the change in state statute of phase one part two (expanding the peer review program to include school districts and small cities) would have to be passed in conjunction with the change in state statute of phase two part one

(transferring policing powers of the Legislative Auditor's Office) in order to garner support from the constituents of the Democrat Party.

Part two of phase two includes seeking a Constitutional amendment so that "We the People" could vote to eliminate the elected position of State Auditor just like we prudently eliminated the State Treasurer in 1998. If the people decide to retain the elected position, the elected position would continue to have the balance of 30% of the current duties (100% less policing powers of 70%).

This reform is not a job for a professional politician; it requires the passion of a skilled, motivated and licensed CPA. You can read my Plan in detail on my website [www.JeffForStateAuditor.com](http://www.JeffForStateAuditor.com) Chapters 14 through 16.

As conservatives, the wind is at our backs for clean government and new ideas. I have those rare genuine ideas. At the State Convention, you can help advance my Plan by voting for [Jeff Wiita CPA](#) for State Auditor. Remember, we do not have *Card Check* in the GOP at the State Convention. Your vote is *private* and it should also be *conservative*.

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