

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 45

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike "to" and substitute "for"; in the same line, strike "the event" and substitute "case"; in line 5, strike "in that office so that the" and substitute ", or if the Comptroller is removed under certain circumstances, to require that the Chief"; in the same line, strike "assumes office" and substitute "acts as Comptroller"; and in line 11, after "1" insert "and 6".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 28, after "THE" insert "CHIEF".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 7, insert:

6.

Whenever during the recess of the Legislature charges shall be preferred to the Governor against the Comptroller or Treasurer, for incompetency, malfeasance in office, willful neglect of duty, or misappropriation of the funds of the State, it shall be the duty of the Governor forthwith to notify the party so charged, and fix a day for a hearing of said charges; and if, in the case of the Comptroller, from the evidence taken, under oath, on said hearing before the Governor, the said allegations shall be sustained, it shall be the duty of the Governor to remove the [Comptroller and appoint another in his place, who shall hold the office for the unexpired term of the Comptroller so removed] COMPTROLLER, AND THE CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER SHALL ACT AS COMPTROLLER UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION, AND THE SUCCESSOR QUALIFIES AND TAKES OFFICE. However, if, in the case of the Treasurer, from the evidence taken under oath in the hearing before the Governor, the allegations are sustained, it is the duty of the Governor to remove the Treasurer, and the deputy treasurer shall act as Treasurer until the next regular or extraordinary session of the Legislature following the appointment, whereupon a successor shall be chosen by the Legislature who shall serve for the unexpired term of the Treasurer so removed."