97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5337

Introduced 2/8/2012, by Rep. Karen May

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 405/9

from Ch. 15, par. 209

Amends the State Comptroller Act. Provides that an itemized voucher for under \$5 that is presented to the Comptroller for payment shall not be paid except through electronic funds transfer. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The State Comptroller Act is amended by changing
Section 9 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 405/9) (from Ch. 15, par. 209)

7 Sec. 9. Warrants; vouchers; preaudit.

8 (a) No payment may be made from public funds held by the 9 State Treasurer in or outside of the State treasury, except by 10 warrant drawn by the Comptroller and presented by him to the 11 treasurer to be countersigned except for payments made pursuant 12 to Section 9.03 or 9.05 of this Act.

(b) No warrant for the payment of money by the State Treasurer may be drawn by the Comptroller without the presentation of itemized vouchers indicating that the obligation or expenditure is pursuant to law and authorized, and authorizing the Comptroller to order payment.

18 (b-1) An itemized voucher for under \$5 that is presented to 19 the Comptroller for payment shall not be paid except through 20 electronic funds transfer.

(c) The Comptroller shall examine each voucher required by law to be filed with him and determine whether unencumbered appropriations or unencumbered obligational or expenditure authority other than by appropriation are legally available to incur the obligation or to make the expenditure of public funds. If he determines that unencumbered appropriations or other obligational or expenditure authority are not available from which to incur the obligation or make the expenditure, the Comptroller shall refuse to draw a warrant.

(d) The Comptroller shall examine each voucher and all 7 8 other documentation required to accompany the voucher, and 9 shall ascertain whether the voucher and documentation meet all 10 requirements established by or pursuant to law. If the 11 Comptroller determines that the voucher and documentation do 12 not meet applicable requirements established by or pursuant to 13 law, he shall refuse to draw a warrant. As used in this Section, "requirements established by or pursuant to law" 14 15 includes statutory enactments and requirements established by 16 rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Act.

(e) Prior to drawing a warrant, the Comptroller may review the voucher, any documentation accompanying the voucher, and any other documentation related to the transaction on file with him, and determine if the transaction is in accordance with the law. If based on his review the Comptroller has reason to believe that such transaction is not in accordance with the law, he shall refuse to draw a warrant.

(f) Where the Comptroller refuses to draw a warrant pursuant to this Section, he shall maintain separate records of such transactions.

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(g) State agencies shall have the principal responsibility
 for the preaudit of their encumbrances, expenditures, and other
 transactions as otherwise required by law.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-412.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon6 becoming law.