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HB2498

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 405/9

from Ch. 15, par. 209

Amends the State Comptroller Act. Provides that a provision requiring payment by electronic funds transfer of any itemized voucher for under \$5 does not apply to vouchers presented by the Department of Revenue for the payment of refunds of taxes administered by the Department. 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.

(b-1) An itemized voucher for under \$5 that is presented to the Comptroller for payment shall not be paid except through electronic funds transfer. This subsection (b-1) does not apply to (i) vouchers presented by the legislative branch of State government, or (ii) vouchers presented by the State Treasurer's Office for the payment of unclaimed property claims authorized under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, or
 (iii) vouchers presented by the Department of Revenue for the
 payment of refunds of taxes administered by the Department.

(c) The Comptroller shall examine each voucher required by 4 5 law to be filed with him and determine whether unencumbered appropriations or unencumbered obligational or expenditure 6 7 authority other than by appropriation are legally available to incur the obligation or to make the expenditure of public 8 9 funds. If he determines that unencumbered appropriations or 10 other obligational or expenditure authority are not available 11 from which to incur the obligation or make the expenditure, the 12 Comptroller shall refuse to draw a warrant.

13 (d) The Comptroller shall examine each voucher and all 14 other documentation required to accompany the voucher, and 15 shall ascertain whether the voucher and documentation meet all requirements established by or pursuant to law. 16 If the 17 Comptroller determines that the voucher and documentation do not meet applicable requirements established by or pursuant to 18 law, he shall refuse to draw a warrant. As used in this 19 20 Section, "requirements established by or pursuant to law" 21 includes statutory enactments and requirements established by 22 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

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1 law. If based on his review the Comptroller has reason to 2 believe that such transaction is not in accordance with the 3 law, he shall refuse to draw a warrant.

4 (f) Where the Comptroller refuses to draw a warrant 5 pursuant to this Section, he shall maintain separate records of 6 such transactions.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 97-969, eff. 8-16-12; 97-1142, eff. 12-28-12.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.