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| 1. | State audit is vested in the State Comptroller. | Substance |
| 2. | (a) The State Comptroller shall audit the economy, the property, the finances, the obligations and the administration of the State, of Government offices, of all enterprises, institutions or corporations of the State, of local authorities and of the other bodies or institutions made subject by law to the audit of the State Comptroller. | State Audit |
| | (b) The State Comptroller shall examine the legality, moral integrity, orderly management, efficiency and economy of the audited bodies, and any other matter which he deems necessary. | |
| 3. | A body subject to the audit of the State Comptroller shall at his request, without delay, provide the State Comptroller with information, documents, explanations, or any other material which the Comptroller deems necessary for the purposes of audit. | Duty to provide information |
| 4. | The State Comptroller shall investigate complaints from the public about bodies and persons, as provided by or under law; in this capacity the State Comptroller shall bear the title "Ombudsman". | Complaints from the public |
| 5. | The State Comptroller shall carry out other functions as provided by law. | Other functions |
| 6. | In carrying out his functions, the State Comptroller shall be accountable only to the Knesset and shall not be dependent upon the Government. | Accountability to the Knesset |

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| Election and term of office | <p>7. (a) The State Comptroller shall be elected by the Knesset in a secret ballot; the election procedures shall be prescribed by law.</p> <p>(b) The term of office of the State Comptroller shall be seven years.</p> <p>(c) The State Comptroller shall serve only one term of office.</p> |
| Eligibility | <p>8. Every Israeli citizen, resident in Israel, is eligible to be a candidate for the office of State Comptroller; additional qualifications may be prescribed by law.</p> |
| Declaration of allegiance | <p>9. The State Comptroller-elect shall make and sign before the Knesset the following declaration of allegiance:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"I pledge to bear allegiance to the State of Israel and its laws, and to carry out faithfully my functions as State Comptroller".</p> |
| Budget | <p>10. The budget of the State Comptroller's Office shall be determined by the Finance Committee of the Knesset, upon the proposal of the State Comptroller, and shall be published together with the budget of the State.</p> |
| Salary and benefits | <p>11. The salary of the State Comptroller and other payments payable to him during, or after, his term of office, or to his survivors after his death, shall be determined by law or by a resolution of the Knesset or of a committee of the Knesset authorized by the Knesset for this purpose.</p> |
| Contact with the Knesset and submission of reports | <p>12. (a) The State Comptroller shall maintain contact with the Knesset, as prescribed by law.</p> |

- (b) The State Comptroller shall submit to the Knesset reports and opinions within the scope of his functions and shall publish them, in the manner and subject to the restrictions prescribed by law.
13. The State Comptroller shall not be removed from office except in the following circumstances: Removal from office
- (1) he is permanently prevented for health reasons from performing his duties – on the day that a majority of the members of Knesset vote in favor of such a decision, following a procedure determined by law.
 - (2) on grounds of behavior unfitting the position of State Comptroller – on the day that at least three-quarters of the members of Knesset vote in favor of such a decision, following a procedure determined by law.
14. If the State Comptroller is unable to carry out his functions, an acting Comptroller shall be appointed, in a manner and for a period prescribed by law. Acting Comptroller