ORDINANCE NO. 1555

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND ADDING SECTION 2-20 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CODE, PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-20 of Chapter 2 of the Solano County Code is repealed.

Section 2. Section 2-20 is added to Chapter 2 of the Solano County Code, to read:

Sec. 2-20. Qualifications and continuing education requirements for election or appointment of auditor-controller.

(a) No person shall be elected or appointed to the office of auditor-controller unless the person meets at least one of the following criteria:

(1) The person possesses a valid certificate issued by the California State Board of Accountancy under Chapter 1 (commencing with section 5000 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code) showing the person to be, and a permit authorizing the person to practice as, a certified public accountant or as a public accountant.

(2) The person possesses a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university, college, or other four-year institution, with a major in accounting or its equivalent, as described in Business and Professions Code section 5081.1, subdivision (a), and has served within the last five years in a senior fiscal management position in a county, city, or other public agency, a private firm, or a nonprofit organization, dealing with similar fiscal responsibilities, for a continuous period of not less than three years.

(3) The person possesses a certificate issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors showing the person to be a designated professional internal auditor, with a minimum of sixteen (16) college semester units, of their equivalent, in accounting, auditing or finance.

(4) The person has served as county auditor, chief deputy auditor, or chief assistant auditor for a continuous period of not less than three years.

(b) Commencing January 1, 1998, the auditor-controller shall complete at least forty (40) hours of qualifying continuing education, pursuant to subdivision (1), every two years, and complete at least ten (10) hours in either year. At least twenty (20) of the forty (40) hours of continuing education shall be obtained in governmental accounting, auditing or related subjects.

(1) Qualifying continuing education may be obtained in accounting, auditing, related subjects, or in any other subject if it can be shown that the specific educational program contributes to professional competence.
(2) If the auditor-controller is a licensee of the California Board of Accountancy, or of the accountancy licensing authority of any other state, or possesses a certificate issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors, continuing education obtained for purposes of renewal of the license or certificate may be applied to satisfy the requirements of this section.

Section 3. This ordinance will be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 4. A summary of this ordinance shall be published once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption in the Fairfield Daily Republic, a newspaper of general circulation in Solano County.

Unanimously passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors on January 6, 1998 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Gojkovich, Kondylis, Silva, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll

NOES: Supervisors None

ABSTAINED: Supervisors None

ABSENT: Supervisors None

ATTEST:
Michael Johnson, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By: [Signature]
Deputy

William J. Carroll, Chairman
Solano County Board of Supervisors