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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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### AN ACT to Increase Compensation for Members of the Legislature.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended.** The first sentence of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive ~~\$2,500~~ **\$3,500** for the regular session of the Legislature, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended.** The first sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 2 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive ~~\$2,800~~ **\$4,000** for each regular session of the Legislature, with the same mileage as other members, and subject to the same deduction in case of each absence.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended.** The 4th paragraph of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 412 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

When an extra session is called by the Governor, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be paid ~~\$20~~ **\$35** for every day's attendance, and mileage as aforesaid.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The member of the Penobscot Indian Tribe and the member of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe elected to represent his tribe at the biennial assembly of the Legislature shall receive a compensation of ~~\$650~~ **\$1,000** for such attendance and travel at each legislative session for 20 trips to and from his place of abode at the same rate as state employees receive, and allowance for meals and housing expenses as any other member of the Senate and House of Representatives for 20 days' attendance at each legislative session.

**Sec. 5. Application.** All increases in compensation derived pursuant to this Act shall be optional in the case of each member of the Legislature.