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1 2	ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE						
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5 6	Legislative Document No. 1903						
7	H. P. 1921 House of Representatives, January 28, 1982						
0	On Motion of Mrs. Kany of Waterville reconsidered reference the Committee on State Government and on further motion same got tlewoman referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up						
8	concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk						
9	Presented by Representative Davies of Orono. Cosponsors: Representative Masterton of Cape Elizabeth and Senator Violette of Aroostook.						
10 11	STATE OF MAINE						
12 13 14	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO						
15 16 17	AN ACT Relating to the Compensation of Public Utilities' Commissioners.						
18	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:						
19 20	Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §6-A, sub-§§1 and 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 452, §3, are amended to read:						
21 22	1. Chairman. The salary of the chairman of the commission shall be at salary range 91_7 step B.						
23 24	2. Commission members. The salary of members of the commission shall be at salary range 89_7 step A.						
25 26	Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §6-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1981, c 452, §3, is amended to read:						
27 28 29 30	4. Legislative approval. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the pay ranges and steps for the state officials listed in this section shall not be changed without legislative approval.						

1	Sec. 3	. 2 MRSA	§6-A.	sub-§5 is	enacted ⁻	to read:

- 5. Pay step established. The pay step for the commissioners shall be established by the Governor, but he may only set or adjust the pay step:
- A. Upon initial appointment of a commissioner;
- B. When a member is named chairman or the chairman is made member only as far as these 2 positions are affected; and
- 9 C. Whenever the Legislature adjusts judicial salaries.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows minimal flexibility in adjusting the salaries of public utilities' commissioners to provide for a fair relationship between the salary of commissioners and staff. Currently certain staff are authorized higher remuneration than commissioners. The bill allows for salaries which ensure that the State can attract able people and pay them at levels in reasonable relationship to other government officials holding positions of similar responsibility and tracks with judicial salaries, although at a lower level.

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