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3 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 132ND LEGISLATURE
8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1033, L.D. 1575, "An Act to Allow a
10 Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis"

11 Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

12 Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 4th line from the end (page
13 2, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "that" the following: 'effective January
14 1, 2026.'

15 Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the next to the last line (page
16 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "26" and inserting the following:
17 'approximately'

18 Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency clause.

19 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
20 number to read consecutively.

21 SUMMARY

22 This amendment amends the bill by clarifying that a Legislator may choose to be paid
23 the salary for each year of the biennium to which that Legislator is entitled in approximately
24 equal payments over that corresponding year of the biennium. The amendment also
25 removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

26 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

27 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/02/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1575

LR 1256(02)

An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-563)
Committee: State and Local Government
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential Legislative Cost

Legislative Cost/Study

The bill allows a legislator to choose whether to receive their entire legislative salary during the legislative session or to receive it in roughly equal payments over the course of the year. This will shift costs for legislators who elect to receive their salary over the course of the year from one State fiscal year to the next, requiring the use of balances to fund the resulting shortfall in the subsequent State fiscal year. Whether or not this will result in additional costs to the Legislature during the calendar year will depend on the change in rates for retiree health insurance, as well as other payroll-related costs calculated as a percentage of salary, from one State fiscal year to the next.