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No. 1668

H. P. 1215

House of Representatives, November 27, 1961

The Committee on State Government suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitman of Woodstock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT to Provide for a Legislative Finance Officer.

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

R. S., c. 10, § 26, sub-§ XV, additional. Section 26 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection XV, to read as follows:

'XV. Legislative Finance Officer. The Legislative Research Committee shall appoint a Finance Officer. He shall be chosen without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of his office. He shall hold office for a term of 6 years from the date of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. He shall receive a salary of \$9,000 per year and any necessary traveling expenses. His duties shall be:

A. To collect and assemble factual information concerning the fiscal affairs of the State for the use of the Joint Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee of the Legislature in formulating its proposals for appropriations;

B. To examine all requests for appropriations made by the various executive agencies of State Government and attend any hearings necessary to obtain complete information;

C. To examine other requests and substantiate all claims against the State for payment of which appropriations are to be requested;

D. To report in such manner as shall be directed as to any matters which may be of assistance to the committee or the Legislature in forming an independent judgment in the determination of any fiscal matters.'