

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to a Full-time Chaplain for the Legislative Session.

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

R. S., T. 3, § 5, additional. Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 5, to read as follows:

§ 5. Full-time chaplain

A full-time ecumenical chaplain shall be appointed by the Legislature for each session drawn from the ecumenical department of the representative church or religion alternately and for a legislative term of office from each major religion or church and qualifying in the State of Maine under Title 13, chapter 81, and under former laws of corporation sole of the Maine Revised Statutes as well as qualifying under section 501 (c) (3) and section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Code or law. The chaplain shall be appointed from a church or religion whose purposes are exclusively charitable and nonpolitical. No part of the activities of the representative church or religion shall be carried on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in, including the publishing or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, directly or indirectly, notwithstanding any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under aforesaid section 501 of the Internal Revenue Law. His duties shall include the bringing of prayer each legislative day in either the House or the Senate, thereby continuing the present practice of engaging different clergymen for the branch not being

covered by the appointed chaplain. He shall schedule and oversee the clergyman invited for the daily session. The regular chaplain shall perform his duties in either the House or the Senate one full legislative year at a time. He shall be paid a salary equivalent but not less than that of a Legislator.