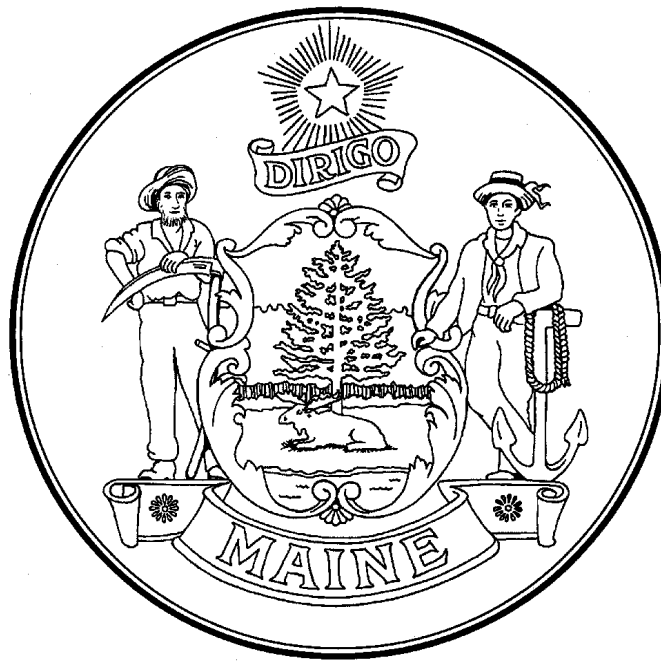


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**No. 189**

H. P. 134

House of Representatives, January 14, 1971

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jutras of Sanford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing Clerical Assistance to Legislators.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, 32 states provide higher salaries for legislators than the State of Maine; and

Whereas, it is essential that more efficient service to the people of the State of Maine be rendered through their duly elected representatives; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to permit the people of Maine to be better informed as to legislation being considered during regular and special legislative sessions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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. Clerical assistance**

Clerical assistance shall be supplied to any member of the Legislature who requests such assistance during regular and special legislative sessions. Such assistance shall be supplied without cost by the regular employees of the

several state departments at the discretion of the several department heads and the requests for such assistance shall be forwarded to the several departments by the Clerk of the House.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.