

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1949

H. P. 1507

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

Committee on State Government suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Suggested by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Creating a State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 64I, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 64I to read as follows:

§ 64I. Suggestion Awards Board

There shall be a State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board, which shall administer this chapter. The board shall be composed of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration or his designee, ex officio, and 3 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall have experience in the management or operation of employees' suggestion plans in private business or industry. Annually a member shall be appointed for a term of 3 years to succeed the member whose term expires, except that for the first appointments one shall be for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years. Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be paid travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The board shall receive and evaluate all suggestions made by state employees to promote efficiency or economy in or to improve the performance of state activities. At the request of the board, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall cause a fiscal analysis to be made of each suggestion which appears to be meritorious and report his findings to the board. The board shall authorize the payment on a noncompetitive basis of cash awards for those suggestions the adoption of which will or would result, directly or indirectly, in a saving to the State or an improvement in the activities of the State.

The board may by regulation establish procedures for the submission, consideration and evaluation of suggestions, establish schedules of cash awards and may adopt such other regulations as it finds necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter.

Individual cash awards shall not exceed \$500. The board shall employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such technical and clerical staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is approved from the General Fund the sum of \$33,199 to the State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board to enable the board to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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STATE EMPLOYEES' SUGGESTION AWARDS BOARD		
Personal Services	(2)	\$17,513
All Other		15,686
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		\$33,199

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1972.