

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Adjust Certain Salary Provisions of State Officers and Officials.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 2, § 1, amended.** The last paragraph of section 1 of Title 2 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 412 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

The Governor shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$20,000~~ \$30,000.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 2, § 3, amended.** The first paragraph of section 3 of Title 2 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The "Governor-elect's Expense Account," as heretofore established, shall be a continuing reserve to which shall be credited the sum of ~~\$1,500~~ \$5,000. At the close of each fiscal year there shall be transferred from unappropriated surplus an amount sufficient to restore such expense account to ~~\$1,500~~ \$5,000.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 2, § 6, repealed and replaced.** Section 6 of Title 2 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 542 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 6. Salaries**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, is authorized to adjust:

1. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$27,500:

Commissioner of Transportation;  
Commissioner of Commerce and Industry;

Commissioner of Finance and Administration ;  
Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services ;  
Commissioner of Environmental Protection ;  
Commissioner of Agriculture ;  
Commissioner of Public Affairs ;  
Commissioner of Manpower Affairs ;  
Adjutant General ;  
Commissioner of Health and Welfare ;  
Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections .

2. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$24,500 :

Director of Personnel ;  
State Tax Assessor ;  
State Budget Officer ;  
State Controller ;  
State Director of Public Improvements ;  
State Director of Alcoholic Beverages ;  
State Purchasing Agent ;  
Director, State Planning Office ;  
Director of State Housing Authority .

3. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$22,000 :

Bank Commissioner ;  
Insurance Commissioner ;  
Chief of the State Police ;  
Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission ;  
Forest Commissioner ;  
Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game ;  
Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries ;  
Commissioner of State Parks and Recreation ;  
Executive Director, Retirement System ;  
Director of Legislative Research ;  
Legislative Finance Officer ;  
State Archivist ;  
State Librarian ;  
Director, State Museum Bureau ;  
Manager of Industrial Building Authority .

4. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$19,500 :

Administrative Assistant, Supreme Judicial Court ;  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs ;  
Chairman of the Industrial Accident Commission ;  
Director of Aeronautics ;  
Director of Waterways ;  
Director of Labor and Industry ;  
General Counsel of the Public Utilities Commission ;

Deputy Chief of the State Police;  
 Director, Arts and Humanities Bureau;  
 Deputy Adjutant General;  
 Director of Civil Defense;  
 Director of Veterans Services;  
 Assistant Director of Legislative Research;  
 Assistant Legislative Finance Officer;  
 State Law Librarian.

5. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$18,000:

Industrial Accident Commission members, other than the Chairman;  
 Public Utilities Commission members, other than the Chairman;  
 Employment Security Commission members, other than the Chairman;  
 Director of Transportation of the Public Utilities Commission;  
 Executive Director of the Public Employees Labor Relations Board;  
 Chief Boiler Inspector and Supervising Elevator Inspector;  
 Examiner and Chief Accountant of the Public Utilities Commission;  
 Manager, Municipal Securities Approval Board;  
 Executive Director, Historic Preservation Commission;  
 Secretary of Public Utilities Commission;  
 Manager of Recreation Authority;  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 2, § 7, repealed and replaced. Section 7 of Title 2 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 542 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 7. Constitutional officers

Notwithstanding section 6 or any other provision of law, the respective salaries of the Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor and Treasurer of State shall be as follows:

Attorney General .....	\$27,500;
Secretary of State .....	\$18,000;
State Auditor .....	\$18,000;
Treasurer of State .....	\$16,500.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 4, § 4, amended. The first sentence of section 4 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court shall each receive an annual salary of ~~\$24,000~~ \$27,000, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$25,500~~ \$28,500.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 4, § 102, amended. The first sentence of section 102 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Each of the Justices of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$23,500~~ \$26,500.

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 4, § 157, repealed and replaced.** Section 157 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 157. Judges; appointment; salary; retirement**

The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint to the District Court 4 judges at large and 15 judges. At least one judge shall be appointed in each district who shall be a resident thereof, except that in District 3 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents thereof and except that in District 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents thereof. Each shall have a term of office of 7 years. Each judge shall receive an annual salary of \$24,000 and the Chief Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$25,000. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall designate one of the judges as Chief Judge. Each judge shall be reimbursed for his expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in performing his duties, upon presentation to the State Controller of a detailed statement of such expenses approved by the Chief Judge.

To be eligible for appointment as a District Judge, a person must be a member of the bar of the State. The term "District Judge" shall include the Chief Judge and the judges at large.

A District Judge shall devote full time to his judicial duties. He shall not practice law during his term of office, nor shall he during such term be the partner or associate of any person in the practice of law. Sections 103 and 104, as heretofore or hereafter amended, now applicable to Justices of the Superior Court, are made applicable to Judges of the District Court.

**Sec. 8. R. S., T. 5, § 1121, sub-§ 12, additional.** Section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 12, to read as follows:

**12. Governors.** Any Governor, who has been elected to a term of office and has reached age 65, shall be entitled to a retirement allowance at the rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the annual salary authorized for the Governor on the date the application for benefits is received by the board of trustees. Such adjustments as are granted under section 1128 shall be applied to these payments.

**Sec. 9. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the first Wednesday of January, 1975.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to adjust the statutory limitations governing salary provisions for state officers and officials, including the Governor and the judiciary. It also raises the amount of expense allowance available to a Governor elected to his first term of office and provides a pension for former Governors.