

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2463

H. P. 1928

House of Representatives, January 29, 1974

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Salary, Expenses and Travel of Members of Legislature.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended. The first 3 paragraphs of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive ~~\$2,500~~ \$5,000 in the first year and ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 in the 2nd year of each biennium, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed where Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in travelling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments. He is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and such amounts of his salary and at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof.

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive ~~an~~ a meal and housing allowance ~~for meals~~ in the amount of ~~\$8~~ \$25 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature ~~Each member occupying and for each day he occupies~~ overnight accommodations away from home immediately preceding ~~or immediately following~~ attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature ~~shall be reimbursed, under procedures governing state em-~~

~~ployees, for actual housing expenses not to exceed \$10 per night. Housing shall be computed as follows: Daily rate shall not exceed \$10 per night; weekly and monthly rate shall be computed by dividing the number of allowable nights into weekly or monthly rate, not to exceed \$10 per night. In lieu of the reimbursement for actual meal and housing expenses allowance, each member shall be entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$12 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$10 \$13 per day. Each member shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$200.~~

The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive ~~\$5,000~~ \$11,250 for each regular session of the Legislature; the Floor Leaders, \$9,375; and the Assistant Floor Leaders, \$8,437.50, with the same mileage as other members. Any member acting as President pro tempore of the Senate, or Speaker pro tempore of the House, shall receive \$2 a day extra therefor.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Account the sum of \$633,100 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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Legislative Expense	\$467,500
Personal Services	165,600
All Other	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>
	\$633,100

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would implement the recommendation of the Legislative Compensation Commission by raising biennial salaries of legislators to \$7,500, establishing a uniform \$25 daily expense allowance and a \$200 annual constituent service allowance and providing salary increments for legislative leadership.