

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Establishing the Legislative Compensation Commission.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, c. 1, sub-c. IV, additional. Chapter 1 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter IV, to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER IV**

**LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

§ 60. Legislative Compensation Commission

There is established a Legislative Compensation Commission which shall be composed of 9 members of the public, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the Floor Leader of the political party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the Floor Leader of the political party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House of Representatives. Members of the commission shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, except that for the first appointments the following shall apply: Of the Governor's appointees, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for 2 years, and one for 3 years; of the appointees of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, one shall be appointed for a term of 2 years and one for a term

of 3 years; the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of one year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the balance of the unexpired term. The commission shall elect one of its members chairman and members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual necessary expenses incurred while performing the duties imposed by this subchapter.

§ 61. Duties

The commission shall, on or before December 31, 1974, and prior to December 31st of every 4th year thereafter :

1. Review and evaluate the work done by the members of the Maine State Legislature and compare the work done by State Legislators with that of other policymakers within the State, including, but not limited to, heads of state departments, businessmen, executives and others charged with the responsibility of determining policies for large organizations;
2. Shall consult with recognized authorities in the area of legislative compensation, such as other state governments, the Council of State Governments and other service organizations;
3. Prepare a recommendation concerning the compensation which it deems fair and equitable in view of the services rendered to the people of the State;
4. Prepare a recommendation concerning the reimbursement or allowance of expenses for Legislators.

§ 62. Compensation recommendations

Prior to the close of the first week of the next regular legislative session, beginning on the first Wednesday of January, 1975, and prior to the close of the first week of the regular legislative session convening every 4 years thereafter, the commission shall deliver a report containing its recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Governor. Such recommendations on the part of the commission shall be the basis for legislative deliberations concerning compensation for members of the Legislature and allowances for expenses incurred for legislative duties.

§ 63. Assistants

The commission may employ such research assistants, secretarial assistants or other assistants as it deems necessary, subject to the Personnel Law.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Compensation Commission the sum of \$2,500. The breakdown shall be as follows :

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LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION COMMISSION

All Other

\$2,500

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for a regular method of obtaining recommendations regarding the level of legislative compensation. The Legislative Compensation Commission would present its recommendations to every odd-numbered Legislature.