

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 366

House of Representatives, January 29, 1975

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mulkern of Portland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Silverman of Calais.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Authorize the Executive Council to Approve or  
Disapprove Certain Claims Against the State.

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

2 MRSA, § 53 is enacted to read:

§ 53. Approval or disapproval of certain claims against the State

1. Executive Council to consider claims of \$2,000 or less. Every claim against the State or any of its agents, which is not submitted under a specific statutory provision other than this section and which does not exceed the sum of \$2,000, shall be submitted to the Executive Council, which shall approve, partially approve or disapprove that claim.

2. Monthly meeting to consider claims. The Executive Council shall convene on the first Monday of every month to consider claims submitted under this section.

3. Payment of claims. Any claim which has been partially or completely approved by the Executive Council shall be paid out of funds contained in the contingency fund of the Executive Council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, any claim against the State which is not brought under a specific statutory provision is submitted to the Legislature and to its committees for a determination on whether or not the claim should be granted.

The legislative expense necessary to consider these claims is frequently greater than the amount of money sought by the claim. This Act will provide a less costly, more efficient and quicker method for impartially considering and approving or disapproving any claim against the State which totals \$2,000 or less.