

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 148

In Senate, February 4, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Huber of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Expenses of the Legislature.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature has not defined the meaning of the term "in session" as it appears in 3 MRSA, §§ 3 and 165, sub-§ 8; and

Whereas, certain expenses of the Legislature have been incurred since the Legislature convened, which expenses were incurred on a day when the Legislature was adjourned to a day certain, which expenses should be paid; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

3 MRSA, § 2, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 781, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph to read:

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and members of a committee, with the approval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House as to members of a committee, may also meet on days when the Legislature is not in daily session at any convenient location within the State and shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses, with the exception of mileage which shall be paid at the same rate received by state employees.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this Act is reflected in the emergency preamble.