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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 699

S. P. 209

In Senate, February 19, 1975

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed. (Approved by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule No. 10.)

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide for Full-time Administrative Officers in the Senate and House of Representatives.

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

Whereas, the Legislature desires to provide full-time service to its members and to the public at large; and

Whereas, there is a requirement existing that the offices of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives continue to remain open on a formal full-time basis, rather than informally; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 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:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 22, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 10, § 2, is further amended to read:

The assistant secretary of the Senate shall receive a salary of \$6,500 in full for all official services performed when the Legislature is in regular session, and shall also serve when the Legislature is not in regular session at the same rate of pay.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 42, first ¶, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 475, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

He shall receive a salary of \$9,000 in full for all official services by him performed when the Legislature is in regular session and shall also serve when the Legislature is not in regular session at the same rate of pay, and he shall receive all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties at the same rate for room, meals and mileage as allowed to Legislators.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide full-time administrative officers in the Senate and House of Representatives.