

# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

### No. 1535

H. P. 1224 Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Farley of Biddeford.

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide Employment Security for State Legislators.

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

3 MRSA § 5 is enacted to read:

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§ 5. Employment security for Legislators

Every individual, elected to the Legislature, shall not be deemed or held to have thereby resigned from or abandoned his or her employment, nor shall he or she be removable therefrom during the period of legislative service because of such service. Said individual, upon his or her request, shall be considered as on leave of absence without pay and without forfeiture of other accumulated benefits in order to fulfill the duties of a Legislator.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to provide employment security for legislators for service in the Legislature. At present, public school teachers who serve in the Legislature possess this protection, and this bill will provide employment protection for all Legislators.