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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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

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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 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**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 22, first ¶, last sentence**, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 475, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**He shall receive a salary of \$9,000 in full for all official services performed by him during the regular session of the Legislature and a salary of \$400 per week for all official services performed by him during any special session of the Legislature.**

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 22, 2nd ¶, first sentence**, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 10, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Assistant Secretary of the Senate shall receive a salary of \$6,500 for all official services performed by him during the regular session of the Legislature and a salary of \$250 per week for all official services performed by him during any special session of the Legislature.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA § 22, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 28, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The President of the Senate may authorize either the Secretary of the Senate or the Assistant Secretary of the Senate to serve on a full-time basis when the Legislature is not in regular or special session at a salary of \$300 per week in the case of the secretary and a salary of \$250 per week in the case of the assistant secretary.

Sec. 4. 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 performed by him during the regular session of the Legislature and a salary of \$400 per week for all official services performed by him during any special session of the Legislature.

Sec. 5. 3 MRSA § 42, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 10, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives shall receive a salary of \$6,500 for all official services performed by him during the regular session of the Legislature and a salary of \$250 per week for all official services performed by him during any special session of the Legislature.

Sec. 6. 3 MRSA § 42, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 14, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The Speaker of the House of Representatives may authorize either the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives to serve on a full-time basis when the Legislature is not in regular or special session at a salary of \$300 per week in the case of the clerk and a salary of \$250 per week in the case of the assistant clerk.

**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 for full-time administrative officers in the Senate and the House of Representatives when the Legislature is not in session.