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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Increase Certain Salaries of State Officers, State Officials,
Members of the Judiciary and District Attorneys.**

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

Whereas, it is imperative that state employee salaries be adjusted to reflect the greatly increasing cost of living if dedicated and efficient state employees are to be retained in state service; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide a cost-of-living salary increase for certain state employees whose salary is set by statute; 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Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 509, § 2 and as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 6. Salaries

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, is authorized to adjust the salaries of the following state officials as indicated:

1. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$35,000:

- Commissioner of Transportation;
- Commissioner of Conservation;
- Commissioner of Commerce and Industry;
- Commissioner of Finance and Administration;
- Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services;
- Commissioner of Environmental Protection;
- Commissioner of Human Services;
- Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections;
- Commissioner of Public Safety;
- Commissioner of Business Regulation
- Commissioner of Manpower Affairs.

2. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$30,000:

- Bank Superintendent;
- State Tax Assessor.

3. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$27,500:

- Director of Personnel;
- State Director of Public Improvements;
- State Budget Officer;
- Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Protection;
- State Controller;
- Insurance Superintendent;
- Director of the Bureau of Forestry;
- Chief of the State Police;
- Director, State Planning Office.

4. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$25,500:

- Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- Commissioner of Marine Resources;
- State Purchasing Agent;

Director, Arts and Humanities Bureau ;
Director, State Museum Bureau ;
Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation ;
Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission ;
Commissioner of Agriculture ;
State Director of Alcoholic Beverages ;
Executive Director, Retirement System ;
Director of Public Lands.

5. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$24,000 :

Adjutant General ;
Chairman of the Industrial Accident Commission ;
Director of Labor ;
General Counsel of the Public Utilities Commission ;
Deputy Chief of the State Police ;
Director of Transportation of the Public Utilities Commission ;
Director of State Lotteries ;
Employment Security Commission members, other than the Chairman ;
State Archivist ;
Director of Geology ;
Executive Director, Land Use Regulation Commission ;
Executive Director of the Public Employees Labor Relations Board.

6. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$22,500 :

Director of Veterans Services ;
Director of Civil Defense ;
Public Utilities Commission members, other than the Chairman ;
Industrial Accident Commission members, other than the Chairman ;
Examiner and Chief Accountant of the Public Utilities Commission ;
State Librarian ;
Director of the Office of Energy Resources.

7. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$20,500 :

- Commissioner of Indian Affairs;
- Deputy Adjutant General;
- Secretary of Public Utilities Commission;
- Chief Boiler Inspector and Supervising Elevator Inspector.

8. The salaries of the following state officials and employees to no more than \$18,000:

- Executive Director, Historic Preservation Commission;
- Assistant Adjutant General.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA § 7, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 509, § 3 and c. 788, § 2-A, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 7. Constitutional officers

Notwithstanding section 6 or any other provision of law, the respective salaries of the Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor and Treasurer of State shall be as follows:

Attorney General	\$30,500;
Secretary of State	25,000;
State Auditor	20,500;
Treasurer of State	17,500:

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA § 4, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 509, § 4 and P&SL 1973, c. 209, § 5, is further amended to read:

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court shall each receive an annual salary of ~~\$26,000~~ \$31,000 and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$27,500~~ \$32,500.

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA § 102, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 509, § 5 and P&SL 1973, c. 209, § 6, is further amended to read:

Each of the Justices of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$25,000~~ \$30,500.

Sec. 5. 4 MRSA § 157, 5th sentence, as last amended by P&SL 209, § 7, is further amended to read:

Each judge shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$23,000~~ \$27,000; and the Chief Judge shall receive a salary of ~~\$24,000~~ \$28,000 annually.

Sec. 6. 30 MRSA § 2, 3rd ¶ from the end, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 567, § 5, is amended to read:

The district attorneys for each of the prosecutorial districts, as described in section 553-A, shall receive annual salaries of ~~\$23,500~~ \$28,000 each.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$294,750 for the fiscal year 1975-76 and \$589,500 for the fiscal year 1976-77. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
SALARY PLAN FUND		
State Employees Fund		
Personal Services	\$294,750	\$589,500

Any balance remaining in this fund shall carry forward until June 30, 1977 to be used for the same purpose.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be retroactive to the first pay period in January, 1976.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill proposes a cost-of-living increase to the salaries of certain state employees whose salaries are set by statute. This bill takes effect when approved and carries an appropriation of \$884,250.