

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 663, L.D. 2087, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Establish the Dates of Legislative Sessions and to  
Clarify Laws Relating to Expenses of Legislators."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 51,  
is further amended to read:

§2. Salary, expenses and travel of Members of Legislature and  
Representatives of Indian tribes

Each ~~member~~ of the Senate and House of Representatives,  
beginning with the first Wednesday of January, 1975, shall  
receive \$3,750 in the first year and \$1,000 in the 2nd year of  
each biennium. Each ~~member~~ of the Senate and House of Representative  
beginning with the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of  
January, 1977 and thereafter, shall receive \$5,000 in the first  
year and \$1,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium, and shall be  
paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at  
the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state  
employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most  
reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed  
for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they  
have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be  
reimbursed where Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling  
to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly  
authorized committee assignments. He is entitled to mileage on

the first day of the session, and such amounts of his salary and expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof. The first regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn not later than the last Friday of May, and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn not later than the first Friday in April; provided that adjournment may be at a later date if 2/3 of each House of the Legislature shall vote in favor of a joint order which declares that an emergency exists and which approves adjournment not later than some subsequent specified date.

Each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive a meal and housing allowance in the amount of \$25 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day he occupies overnight accommodations away from home immediately preceding attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each ~~member~~ shall be entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$12 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$13 per day. Each ~~member~~ shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$200.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive an additional 50% above regular compensation, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive an additional 25% above regular compensation and the assistant majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive an additional 12 1/2% above regular compensation. ~~Any member acting as President pro-tempore of the Senate, or Speaker pro-tempore of the House, shall receive \$2 a day extra therefor.~~

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In addition to the salary paid for the first and 2nd regular ~~session~~ sessions of the Legislature, during the 2nd regular session and when an extra session is called, the ~~members~~ of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be paid \$25 for every day's attendance, expenses and mileage as aforesaid.

No additional expenses shall be paid to Legislators from the Legislative Account unless authorized by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives during any regular session.

The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives at such extra session shall receive, in addition, \$5 for every day's attendance.

The member of the Penobscot Indian Tribe and the member of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe elected to represent his tribe at the biennial assembly of the Legislature shall receive a compensation ~~of \$2,000~~ for such attendance and of \$1,500 for the first regular session and \$500 for the 2nd regular session; an additional compensation of \$25 for each day's attendance during the 2nd regular session and when an extra session is called; travel at each legislative session for 30 trips to and from his place of abode at the same rate as state employees receive ; and allowance for meals and housing expenses as any other Member of the Senate and House of Representatives for 30-days<sup>1</sup> attendance at each legislative session. The President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall, at all times, whether the Legislature be in session or not, have the authority to approve accounts and vouchers for payment.

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and members

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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.~~ Each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive \$25 for every day's attendance when meetings are held, a meal and housing allowance in the amount of \$25 for each day in attendance at such meetings and for each day he occupies overnight accommodations away from home immediately preceding attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature and actual daily mileage allowances which shall be paid at the same rate paid to state employees. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each Member shall be entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$12 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$13 per day.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 590, §8, is repealed.'

#### Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Set limits on the lengths of the first and 2nd regular sessions of the Legislature;
2. Change the timing of the compensation paid to Indian tribal representatives;
3. Change the meal and housing allowance paid to Legislators from an actual cost to a flat amount; and
4. Strike the appropriation from L.D. 2087 since the

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amendment will not require an additional appropriation.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on State Government.  
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