

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE 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~~ \$4,000 in the  
first year and ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 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 no later than 100 legislative days after its convening and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn no later than 50 legislative days after its convening. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a vote of 3/5 of the Members elected to each House extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the Members elected to each House further extend the date for adjournment by 3 additional legislative days.

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.~~

In addition to the salary paid for the first and 2nd regular ~~session~~ sessions of the Legislature, 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 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~~ attendance at each ~~Legislative~~ session. The President

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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 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

1. This amendment provides that the first regular session shall adjourn no later than 100 legislative days after its convening and the 2nd regular session shall adjourn no later

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than 50 legislative days after its convening. The amendment makes provision for an extension of the adjournment date by up to 8 legislative days.

2. This amendment deletes the provision for per diem during the 2nd regular session and sets the pay for the 108th Legislature at a total of \$6,000 for the biennium.

3. The salary provisions of the existing law would provide \$5,000 for the first year of the biennium and \$1,000 for the 2nd year. In addition, \$25 per diem for the 2nd regular session of 50 days duration would provide an additional \$1,250 per Legislator for a total biennial salary of \$7,250 exclusive of special sessions.

4. This amendment effectively freezes the salary level of the 108th Legislature at the same level as that of the 107th Legislature and relieves the hard-pressed taxpayers of Maine of an additional \$230,000 burden.

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