

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 666, L.D. 2296, Bill, "AN ACT to Assure Resources for the Resolution of Disputes."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§7, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 509, §2, is amended by adding at the end the following:

Dispute Resolution Specialist.'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 6th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Labor Relations Board the sum of \$18,800 to carry out the duties imposed under the law. The breakdown shall be as follows:

		<u>1976-77</u>
MAINE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD		
Personal Services	(1)	\$ 9,000
All Other		1,000
Capital Expenditures		<u>800</u>
		\$10,800'

Statement of Fact

This amendment amends the provision of Committee Amendment "A" to L.D. 2296, "An Act to Assure Resources for the Resolution of Disputes" by changing the position of full-time Chairman of the Maine Labor Relations Board to another position entitled Dispute Resolution Specialist. This amendment represents more than an / \$16,000 cost

savings over the original proposal contained in the legislative document and also represents a \$11,000 cost savings over the funding level proposed in Committee Amendment "A" to L.D.2296. The Maine Labor Relations Board desperately needs additional staff since additional responsibilities for the administration of the State Employees Labor Relations Act and the University of Maine Labor Relations Act have been placed on it along with broadened responsibilities in the area of dispute resolution as mandated by the authority for the board to become involved in the settlement of community dispute through the implementation of "An Act to Define the Responsibilities of the Bureau of Labor and the Public Employees Labor Relations Board" found in chapter 564 of the Public Laws of 1975. The appropriations contained in the amendment would (1) authorize one additional staff person in the form of a Dispute Resolution Specialist <sup>as of January 1, 1977</sup> to aid in the foregoing responsibilities and (2) would also appropriate sufficient money in order that the Clerk Steno II for whom a 9-month salary was provided in L.D. 827, "An Act Extending Collective Bargaining Rights to University of Maine Employees" (Chapter 603 of the Public Laws of 1975) could be hired on or about July 1, 1976, to aid in the many responsibilities facing the board. This is an acceleration date for the Clerk Steno II from October 1, 1976, to July 1, 1976. The capital expenditure portion of the appropriation will provide adequate office files, furniture and dictating equipment for the Dispute Resolution Specialist, and the all other appropriation of \$1,000 will provide an in-state travel budget for that position and necessary publications and material used in dispute resolution procedures.

*Guy A. Marcotte*  
(Marcotte)

NAME:

COUNTY: York

Reproduced and distributed pursuant to Senate Rule 11-A.

April 14, 1976.

(Filing No. S-576).