

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 10, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Increase the Salaries of the Judiciary.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 735, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4. Salary of justices; expenses; clerical assistance

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court shall each receive an annual salary of \$33,000; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of \$34,500. Each justice shall be reimbursed by the State for his expenses actually and reasonably incurred in attending meetings and the sessions of the law court, appointed by the Chief Justice under section 53, upon presentation to the State Controller of a detailed statement of such expenses. When any justice of this court holds sessions of the Superior Court in any town other than the town in which he resides, or when any hearing of a civil action is had before a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or the Superior Court other than one residing in the town where the hearing is had, such justice shall be reimbursed by the State for his expenses actually and reasonably incurred in holding such sessions or in attending the hearing, upon presentation to the State Controller of a detailed statement of such expenses. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or his designee may prescribe regulations for the submission of such itemized statements.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 102, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 735, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 102. Salary; expenses

Each of the Justices of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of \$32,500. Section 4, relating to reimbursement of Justices of the Supreme

Judicial Court for expenses incurred by them, shall apply to Justices of the Superior Court.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA § 157, first ¶, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in its place :

The Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and to confirmation by the Legislature, shall appoint to the District Court 5 judges at large and 15 judges. At least one judge shall be appointed in each district who shall be a resident thereof, except that in District 3 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents thereof and except that in District 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents thereof. Each shall have a term of office of 7 years. Each judge shall receive an annual salary of \$30,000; and the Chief Judge shall receive a salary of \$31,000 annually. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall designate one of the judges as Chief Judge. Each judge shall be reimbursed for his expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in performing his duties, upon presentation to the State Controller of a detailed statement of such expenses approved by the Chief Judge.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and Judges of the District Courts.