

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 705

S. P. 227

In Senate, March 3, 1977

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator McNally of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Increased Staff and Changing Certain Provisions Relating to the Appointment of the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board.

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 5, last line, as enacted by P & SL 1973, c. 221, § 10, is repealed as follows:

~~Executive Director of the Public Employees Labor Relations Board~~

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 968, sub-§ 2, next to last sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 282, is repealed as follows:

~~The executive director shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the Governor~~

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA § 968, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 282, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The salary of the executive director shall be established by the board within the limits of the salary range to which the unclassified executive director's position is assigned.

Sec. 4. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Labor Relations Board the sum of \$68,864 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
MAINE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD		
Personal Services	(2) \$31,078	(2) \$31,786
All Other	2,000	2,000
Capital Expenditures	2,000	—
	<u>\$35,078</u>	<u>\$33,786</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill removes the executive director's salary from Title 2, section 6 and allows the Maine Labor Relations Board to set the salary within the salary grade to which the job is assigned according to the state's job evaluation system. This will remove direct gubernatorial control over an official who works for a regulatory body and who is in a position to pass judgment on matters affecting the State. The additional positions of an attorney examiner and secretary are necessary because of the tremendous increase in workload brought about by state employee and university collective bargaining.