

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 736

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S. P. 234

In Senate, March 8, 1977

On motion of Senator Speers of Kennebec, reconsidered referral and referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Increase Reimbursement for Legislative Expenses.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 3 MRSA § 2, 3rd ¶ is amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive a meal and housing allowance in the amount of ~~\$25~~ \$30 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day he occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following 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~~ \$14 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding ~~\$7.5~~ \$16 per day. Each member shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$200.

**Sec. 2.** 3 MRSA § 2, 5th ¶ is amended to read:

In addition to the salary paid for the first and 2nd regular sessions of the Legislature, when a special session is called, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be paid ~~\$25~~ \$30 for every day's attendance, expenses and mileage as aforesaid.

**Sec. 3.** 3 MRSA § 2, 7th ¶ is amended to read:

The member of the Penobscot Indian Tribe and the member of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe elected to represent his tribe at the Legislature shall receive a compensation of ~~\$25~~ \$30 for each day's attendance during the first and 2nd regular sessions and allowance for meals, housing and travel expenses as any other member of the Senate and House of Representatives for

attendance at each legislative session. For the duration of any special session of the Legislature, they shall receive the same allowances, including housing, meal and constituent service allowances, as any other member of the Senate and House of Representatives.

**Sec. 4. 3 MRSA § 2, 9th ¶ is amended to read:**

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. Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive ~~\$25~~ \$30 for every day's attendance when meetings or daily sessions are held, a meal and housing allowance in the amount of ~~\$25~~ \$30 for each day in attendance at such meetings or daily sessions and for each day he occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following 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~~ \$14 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding ~~\$13~~ \$16 per day.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Account the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, and the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be:

	1977-78	1978-79
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All Other	\$10,000	\$50,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the reimbursement for legislative expenses.