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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 989**

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H. P. 816

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, referred to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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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 Concerning Expenses of the Commission on Governmental Ethics  
and Election Practices.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the members of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices presently receive no payment for their attendance at commission meetings; and

Whereas, the number of meetings and the responsibilities of the commission has increased in the recent past; and

Whereas, in order to insure the continued efficient operation of the commission it is necessary to reimburse the members of the commission in a manner consistent with reimbursements to members of other committees and commissions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** 1 MRSA § 1002, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

4. **Expenses.** The members of the commission shall receive \$25 per diem for each day of attendance at meetings and shall be reimbursed for all neces-

sary expenses that they may incur through service as commissioners, including expenses for travel, which shall be paid in the same manner as travel expenses are paid to members of the Legislature.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Account for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, the sum of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, and the sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT		
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices		
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,500

**Sec. 3. Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would authorize payment of \$25 per day to members of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices for each day of attendance at meetings.