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(EMERGENCY)
(Governor's Bill)

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1725

S. P. 476

In Senate, April 28, 1977

Referred to committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Carpenter of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Salaries of Certain Officers in the
Executive Department.

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

Whereas, the salaries of certain officers in the executive branch are inadequate to attract and retain qualified individuals and such inability seriously hampers the effectiveness of State Government and causes the people of the State to suffer needless hardship; 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. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 766, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Chairman, Industrial Accident Commission;

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 11, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

State Budget Officer;

State Controller;

Director, State Planning Office.

Sec. 3. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 770, § 2, is further amended by repealing all of the 3rd, 4th and 8th paragraphs as follows:

~~State Budget Officer;~~

~~State Controller;~~

~~Director, State Planning Office.~~

Sec. 4. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 770, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Adjutant General;

Employment Security Commission members, other than Chairman;

Industrial Accident Commission members, other than Chairman;

Public Utilities Commission members, other than Chairman.

Sec. 5. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 5, as last amended by P&SL 1975, c. 147, § 2, is further amended by repealing all of the 2nd and last paragraphs as follows:

~~Adjutant General;~~

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

Sec. 6. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 6, as last amended by P&SL 1975, c. 147, § 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Deputy Adjutant General;

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sec. 7. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 7, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 776, § 1, is further amended by repealing all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs as follows:

~~Commissioner of Indian Affairs;~~

~~Deputy Adjutant General;~~

Sec. 8. 2 MRSA § 7, sub-§ 2, as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 147, § 4, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Sections 1 and 4 of this bill return the members of regulatory commissions to the salary plan of other agency heads and would allow for the Governor to set members salaries at levels higher than at present and also allow the

Governor to award periodic merit pay increases in the same manner as other deserving agency officials.

Sections 4 and 5 of the bill deletes the Adjutant General from Title 2, section 6, subsection 5, salary plan, and places the Adjutant General in the higher salary level of subsection 3 under section 6.

Sections 2 and 3 of the bill delete the State Budget Officer, State Controller and Director, State Planning Office from Title 2, section 6, subsection 3 of the salary plan and places these officials in the higher salary level of subsection 2 under section 6.

Sections 6 and 7 of the bill deletes the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Deputy Adjutant General from Title 2, section 6, subsection 7 of the salary plan and places these officers in the higher salary level of subsection 6 under section 6.

Section 8 repeals a law which provides for salaries of full-time members of major regulatory commissions to be set at a fixed dollar amount.

The adjustment of certain officer's salaries is in accordance with Governor Longley's legislative message.