

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 2077

H. P. 1996

House of Representatives, January 16, 1978

On motion of Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington, referred to committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

Cosponsor: Mr. Hall of Sangerville.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT to Revise the Method of Computing Legislators' Expenses.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 3 MRSA § 2, 3rd ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 750, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive the following expense allowance for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature: \$35, if his residence is beyond 50-mile radius of the Capitol; \$30, if his residence is within 30 to 50-mile radius of the Capitol; \$25, if his residence is within 15 to 30-mile radius of the Capitol; and \$15, if his residence is 15 miles or less from the Capitol. Each member shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$200.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

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All Other

\$100,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a new method of calculating legislators' expenses. The proposed method provides a flat amount of expenses for those residing within a certain radius of the State Capitol in place of computation of individual mileage.