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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 280

House of Representatives, January 20, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Manpower Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McHenry of Madawaska.

Cosponsor: Mr. Baker of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Per Diem and Case Assignments for the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 911, 5th sentence, as amended by PL 1969, c. 450, § 1, is further amended to read:

Members of the board shall each receive ~~\$50~~ **\$60** a day **until July 1, 1982, and \$75 thereafter** for their services for the time actually employed in the discharge of their official duties.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 911, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 22, §§ 1 and 2, is further amended by adding after the 6th sentence a new sentence to read:

The Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board shall assign members and alternate members of the board to cases, taking into consideration their availability and geographic proximity to cases.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for reasonable compensation for the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation. The per diem was last adjusted in 1969 and currently amounts to as little as 1/6 the amount paid to private arbitrators. The board had a caseload of 40 cases in fiscal year 1980.

This bill charges the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board with the responsibility of assigning cases to members and alternate members to assure efficiency and economy.

The appropriation for this bill is contained in the Part II budget. The request includes \$1,030 for fiscal year 1982 and \$3,000 for fiscal year 1983.