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House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Public Utilities Commission Officials' and Employees' Compensation.

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 5, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 579, § 1 and c. 651, § 1, and as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 663, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Range 86. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 86:

Adjutant General;

Director of Labor;

Deputy Chief of the State Police;

Director of State Lotteries;

State Archivist;

Director of Maine Geological Survey;

Executive Director, Land Use Regulation Commission;

Executive Director of the Public Employees Labor Relations Board;

**Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board; and
Chairman, Maine Employment Security Commission.**

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 7, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 732, §§ 3 and 31, is further amended to read:

7. Range 83. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 83:

Deputy Adjutant General;

~~Secretary of Public Utilities Commission;~~

Chief Boiler Inspector and Supervising Elevator Inspector; and

Dispute Resolution Specialists.

Sec. 3. 2 MRSA § 6-A, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 697, § 2, is amended to read:

The salary ranges shall be as provided by law **and shall be those applicable to the state officials and employees described in section 6**; except that for the purposes of this section, each salary range shall be increased by 2 steps in addition to and of an identical percentage increase as the steps in the range otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 4. 2 MRSA § 6-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 697, § 2, is amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

Each official shall receive a one-step increase in his salary upon the annual anniversary date of his appointment.

Sec. 4-A. 2 MRSA § 6-A, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 697, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 2 MRSA § 6-A, sub-§ 2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Range 90. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 90:

Members, Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 6. 2 MRSA § 6-B is enacted to read:

§ 6-B. Salaries subject to adjustment by other means

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Public Utilities Commission is authorized to adjust the salaries of the following state officials within the salaries ranges indicated in this section. The adjustment may be at the time of appointment of the official and subsequently as provided by law. The salary ranges shall be as provided by law and shall be those applicable to the state officials and employees described in section 6, except that for the purposes of this section each salary range shall be increased by 2 steps in addition to and of an

identical percentage increase as the steps in the range otherwise provided by law. No other state salary may be paid to these officials.

1. Range 88. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 88:

General Counsel of the Public Utilities Commission;

Director of Finance of the Public Utilities Commission; and

Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

2. Range 86. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 86:

Director of Transportation of the Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 7. Transition. Beginning on the effective date of this Act, the salaries of incumbents in the position of chairman and members of the Public Utilities Commission shall be at Range 91, Step D, and Range 90, Step C, respectively. Persons appointed subsequently to these positions shall be paid salaries as provided elsewhere in this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide a mechanism for salary adjustments for those employees and officials of the Public Utilities Commission covered by Title 2, which is virtually identical to that already provided for all other commission employees under the merit system. It realigns the pay scales for certain of these officials and employees to more accurately reflect their increased work responsibilities as key decision-makers of the state's chief energy regulatory body.