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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 3

H.P. 5 House of Representatives, December 1, 1982

Reference to the Committee on State Government suggested and Ordered Printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Cosponsors: Senator Pray of Penobscot, Senator Collins of Knox and Representative Higgins of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Legislative Services.

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

Whereas, the 111th Legislature is in the process of organizing for its first regular session; and

Whereas, this legislation proposes changes in legislative services as part of the organizational process; and

Whereas, these statutory changes are being made at the earliest possible time in advance of the session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

1 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
2 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
3 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
4 therefore,

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

7 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§6, as amended by PL
8 1979 c. 541, Pt. A, §7, is further amended to read:

9 6. Appointment of directors and officers. To
10 appoint a Legislative Administrative Director, a
11 Director of Legislative Research, a Legislative
12 Finance Officer, a Director of Legislative Assis-
13 tants, a Constituent Service Officer and a State Law
14 Librarian, each of whom shall be chosen without refer-
15 ence to party affiliations and solely on the
16 grounds of fitness to perform the duties of his
17 office; each to be appointed for a term of 7 3 years
18 from the date of his appointment and until his suc-
19 cessor has been appointed and qualified;

20 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §163, sub-§2, as repealed and
21 replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, §5, is amended to read:

22 2. Supervision. To ~~co~~ordinate assign, direct
23 and supervise, subject to the control of the council,
24 the activities of the offices of the Director of
25 Legislative Research, the Legislative Finance Offi-
26 cer, Director of Legislative Assistants, Director of
27 the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office, the
28 Constituent Service Officer, the State Law Librarian,
29 ~~the Senate Clerk, the House Clerk~~ and such other
30 legislative agencies and offices as may be created by
31 the Legislature;

32 Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §163, sub-§6, as repealed and
33 replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, §5, is repealed.

34 Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §164, sub-§12, as amended by PL
35 1979, c. 396, §7, is further amended to read:

36 12. Assistants. The director shall appoint, with
37 the approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant
38 director for a term of 7 3 years from the date of his

1 appointment and until his successor has been
2 appointed and qualified, and such technical assis-
3 tants, and shall appoint such clerical assistants as
4 may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

5 Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §166, as amended by PL 1975, c.
6 770, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its
7 place.

8 §166. Director of Legislative Assistants

9 The Director of Legislative Assistants, who shall
10 be appointed by the Legislative Council without refe-
11 rence to party affiliation and solely on the grounds
12 of fitness to perform the duties of his office, shall
13 perform the following functions and duties:

14 1. Committee assistance. Provide research,
15 analysis, bill drafting assistance for joint standing
16 or select committees, other legislative agencies and
17 as directed by the Legislative Council;

18 2. Appointments. Appoint, subject to the
19 approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant
20 director, lawyers, research analysts and assistants
21 and clerical assistants as may be necessary;

22 3. Direct and supervise. Assign, direct and
23 supervise those appointed to carry out the functions
24 and duties established in this section and as may be
25 established by the Legislative Council or the Legis-
26 lative Administrative Director;

27 4. Reports and legislation. Prepare narrative
28 reports on matters referred to joint standing commit-
29 tees for review or study and prepare legislation to
30 be introduced pursuant to those reports; and

31 5. Research services. Provide a comprehensive
32 research service for Legislators, legislative joint
33 standing or select committees and commissions and the
34 Legislative Council.

35 Sec. 6. 3 MRSA §167, next to last ¶, as amended
36 by PL 1979, c.541, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to
37 read:

