

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

NO. 64
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7 H.P. 61 House of Representatives, January 26, 1987
8 Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered
printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
10 Presented by Representative Handy of Lewiston.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT to Increase the Compensation of
18 Mediators under the Municipal Public
19 Employees Labor Relations Act.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§3, ¶A, sub-¶(2), as
24 amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §39, is further
25 amended to read:

26 (2) Panel of Mediators \$75,125/Day 26 MRSA §892
27 26 MRSA §965
28 sub-§2, ¶C

29 Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by
30 PL 1975, c. 623, §37-E, is further amended to read:

1 C. A panel of mediators, to consist of not less
2 than 5 nor more than 10 impartial members, shall
3 be appointed by the Governor from time to time
4 upon the expiration of the terms of the several
5 members, for terms of 3 years. They shall be cho-
6 sen by the Governor from a list, containing at
7 least 5 times as many names as the number of per-
8 sons to be chosen, supplied at least once a year
9 by the Maine Labor Relations Board. Vacancies oc-
10 ccurring during a term shall be filled for the un-
11 expired term. Members of the panel shall each re-
12 ceive \$75 \$100 a day beginning January 1, 1987,
13 and \$125 a day beginning January 1, 1988, for
14 their services for the time actually employed in
15 the discharge of their official duties and shall
16 also receive their traveling and all other neces-
17 sary expenses. The costs for services rendered
18 and expenses incurred by members of the panel of
19 mediators shall be paid by the State for those
20 mediation cases not exceeding 3 days in length
21 from an appropriation for said the panel which
22 shall be included in the budget of the Public Em-
23 ployees Labor Relations Board. Any costs for ser-
24 vices rendered and expenses incurred by the panel
25 of mediators beyond the 3rd mediation day per
26 case shall be shared equally by the parties to
27 the proceedings, except that on a showing by ei-
28 ther party that such the payment would impose un-
29 due financial hardship, the executive director
30 may waive all or part of such the obligation.
31 Such The amount waived shall be paid from the
32 above-mentioned appropriation. Authorization for
33 services rendered and expenditures incurred by
34 members of the panel shall be the responsibility
35 of the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Re-
36 lations Board.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The members of the panel of mediators are custom-
3 arily the threshold persons whose conciliation and
4 labor relations expertise are requested to bring
5 about amicable settlement of contract negotiations
6 disputes between the parties through conference or
7 other peaceful means when the parties have been un-
8 able to reach agreement on the terms of a contract.
9 The daily rate of pay for the members of the panel of
10 mediators has not been increased since 1973. This
11 legislation will increase the daily rate of pay for
12 mediators from \$75 a day to \$125 a day. This legis-
13 lation should retain and attract qualified persons to
14 serve on the panel of mediators and should more fair-
15 ly compensate members of the panel of mediators for
16 services rendered. The estimated cost of this bill
17 is \$10,000 a year.

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