

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 371

S.P. 135

In Senate, February 17, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock, Representative
DIAMOND of Bangor, Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend the State Employees
2 Labor Relations Act by Allowing 3-year
3 Labor Contracts.
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5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
6 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
7 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, numerous state employee contracts will
9 expire July 1, 1987; and

10 Whereas, this legislation is vitally necessary
11 for the negotiation of new contracts; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
13 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
14 the Constitution of Maine and require the following

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

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

6 26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL
7 1985, c. 289, is further amended to read:

8 C. To execute in writing any agreements arrived
9 at, the term of any such agreement to be subject
10 to negotiation but shall not exceed 2 3 years;

11 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
12 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
13 proved.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 This bill corrects an inconsistency between the
16 State Employees Labor Relations Act and the municipal
17 public employees labor relation law by extending the
18 limit for state employee labor contracts from 2 to 3
19 years. This allows the State the option of negotiat-
20 ing a 3-year labor contract if it is in the State's
21 best interest.

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