

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 2369

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Submitted by the Department of Defense and Veterans'
Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and
Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock,
Representatives PRIEST of Brunswick and DUTREMBLE of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Eliminate the
2 Requirement that the Deputy Adjutant
3 General and the Director of the
4 Military Bureau be the Same
5 Individual.
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7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
8 follows:

1 Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§6, as amended by PL
2 1983, c. 351, §2, is further amended to read:

3 6. Range 85. The salaries of the following state
4 officials and employees shall be within salary range
5 85:

6 Director of Veterans' Services;

7 Director of Civil Emergency Preparedness;

8 Executive Director, Historic Preservation
9 Commission;

10 Members, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission;
11 and

12 Deputy Adjutant General (Director of Military
13 Bureau);

14 Director of Military Bureau.

15 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §952, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by
16 PL 1983, c. 729, §4, is repealed and the following
17 enacted in its place:

18 A. Director of Military Bureau;

19 Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §4, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
20 460, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its
21 place:

22 §4. Directors of bureaus

23 Each bureau of the department shall have a
24 director. The Director of the Military Bureau, the
25 Director of Veterans' Services and the Director of
26 Civil Emergency Preparedness shall each be appointed
27 by the Adjutant General and shall serve at the
28 pleasure of the Adjutant General. None of these
29 directors may hold any other state office for
30 compensation. The Director of Veterans' Services
31 shall be a person who served on active duty in the
32 United States Armed Forces during any federally
33 recognized period of conflict as defined in section

1 504, subsection 4, paragraph A, subparagraph (3), and
2 a person qualified by experience, training and a
3 demonstrated interest in veterans' services.

4 Sec. 4. 37-B MRSA §109, as enacted by PL 1983,
5 c. 460, §3, is repealed.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The position of Deputy Adjutant General as a
8 military position is authorized to be full time or
9 part time. It is currently being filled on a
10 part-time basis.

11 Present law requires that the Deputy Adjutant
12 General shall also be the Director of the Military
13 Bureau. The current Deputy Adjutant General is part
14 time. The Department of Veterans' Services is unable
15 to fill the position of the Director of the Military
16 Bureau with a full-time director, since by present
17 law, it must be the Deputy Adjutant General who
18 performs those duties.

19 The purpose of this bill is to separate the Deputy
20 Adjutant General and Director of the Military Bureau
21 positions. Separation will allow the Adjutant General
22 the flexibility and option to act in the best
23 interests of both the State and the Maine National
24 Guard. The Director of the Military Bureau could be
25 either a part-time or full-time Deputy Adjutant
26 General, or as is now the situation, a part-time
27 Deputy Adjutant General, with the Director of the
28 Military Bureau position vacant. This would give the
29 Adjutant General the option to fill the director's
30 position with whomever he deemed appropriate, whether
31 civilian or military. This flexibility would allow
32 the Adjutant General the leeway needed to manage more
33 effectively his human resources.

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