

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 16, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Edwin H. Pert.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Paris, Representative LORD of Waterboro and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making
the Legislative Process More Efficient and Less Costly to Maine
Taxpayers.**



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

3 **3 MRSA §5** is enacted to read:

5 **§5. Session procedure**

7 Notwithstanding any rule of the Legislature, the following
9 procedures apply to any regular session of the Legislature.

11 1. Friday sessions; limitation. During any regular session
13 of the Legislature, the Legislature may not hold daily sessions
15 on Fridays, except that daily sessions may be held on the last 4
Fridays of a regular session. This subsection does not prohibit
any joint standing committee of the Legislature from holding a
hearing on a Friday.

17 2. After deadline bill requests. During any regular
19 session of the Legislature, any bill request which is filed after
the cloture deadline must receive 8 votes of approval from the
Legislative Council before that bill may be introduced.

21 3. Signature deadline. If a sponsor does not sign and
23 authorize the release of a bill request within 5 days of being
25 notified by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes that the bill
is ready for signature, the bill may not be introduced unless it
is introduced as an after deadline bill pursuant to subsection 2.

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29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

31 This bill proposes to place several legislative procedures
33 into the Maine Revised Statutes. Under this bill, the following
procedures apply in any regular session.

35 1. The Legislature will not have Friday sessions until the
37 last 4 Fridays of the session.

39 2. After deadline bill requests require 8 rather than 6
votes of approval by the Legislative Council.

41 3. If a bill which is ready for signature is not signed or
43 authorized for release by the sponsor within 5 days, the bill
dies.