

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 27, 1989

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representative GARLAND of Bangor, Senator COLLINS of Aroostook and Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Reduce the Expense of the Legislative Process by Shortening
the Length of Legislative Sessions.**



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

3 **3 MRSA §2, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 166, is further
5 amended to read:

7 The first regular session of the Legislature, ~~after its~~
8 ~~convening,~~ shall adjourn no later than the ~~3rd Wednesday in June~~
9 2nd Wednesday in April and the 2nd regular session of the
10 Legislature shall adjourn no later than the ~~3rd Wednesday in~~
11 ~~April~~ first Wednesday in March. The Legislature, in case of
12 emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House
13 present and voting, extend the date for adjournment for the first
14 or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in
15 case of further emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of
16 each House present and voting, further extend the date for
17 adjournment by 5 additional legislative days. The times for
18 adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be
19 extended for one additional legislative day for the purpose of
20 considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or
21 resolution presented to ~~him~~ the Governor by the Legislature under
22 the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.
23 The date for cloture for the first regular session shall be the
first Tuesday after the first Monday in December.

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27 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This bill shortens the legislative sessions. The first
30 regular session will adjourn no later than the 2nd Wednesday in
31 April and the 2nd regular session will adjourn no later than the
32 first Wednesday in March. This will reduce the length of the
33 sessions by roughly 1/3 and reduce the budget required by the
34 current length of the sessions. In addition, this bill sets
35 cloture date as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
December for the first regular session.