

1	L.D. 1635
3	(Filing No. H-564)
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7	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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13	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1180, L.D. 1635, Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Number of Full-time Legislative Staff Employees"
15	Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and
17	inserting in its place the following:
19	'An Act to Establish a Moratorium on New Partisan and Nonpartisan Legislative Staff Positions
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23	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:
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27	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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31	Whereas, the Maine Legislature has created the Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operation to advise the Legislative Council and a consultant with respect to a review of
33	the structure and operation of the Legislature; and
35	Whereas, the consultant is required to present an interim report by December 1, 1989, and a final report by April 1, 1990;
37	and
39	Whereas, the consultant will review the role of partisan and nonpartisan staff in the legislative process to include the
41	approximate number of staff persons to undertake the roles assigned to these staffs; and
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45	Whereas, the consultant may recommend staff changes that could be very difficult to implement if new staff positions and functions are created before the consultant's report is issued;
47	and

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Whereas, it is important that no new legislative staff positions be created until the consultant's final report is submitted to the Legislative Council; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 7 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 9 safety; now, therefore,

## 11 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Legislative staff; positions; moratorium. The Legislative Council and appointing authorities of legislative staff shall not create or authorize any new positions in the partisan and nonpartisan legislative staff offices pending the final report of the Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operation to the Legislative Council under Resolve 1989, chapter 15.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the 21 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

## STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This amendment establishes a moratorium on new staff positions in the partisan and nonpartisan legislative staff 29 offices pending the final report of the Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operation which is due on April 1, 1990.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on State and Local Government Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House 6/15/89 (Filing No. H-564)