

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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House of Representatives, December 18, 1989

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Received by the Clerk of the House on December 18, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Representative AULT of Wayne, Representative CARROLL of Gray and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

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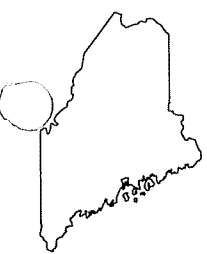
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**Resolve, to Require a Comprehensive Study to Equalize Maine State  
Retired Teachers Health Insurance Premium Payments.**

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(EMERGENCY)



2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the  
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** the Commission to Study the Equalization of Maine  
State Retired Teachers Health Insurance Premium Payments must  
report to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by  
8           December 1, 1990; and

10           **Whereas,** unless this resolve takes effect before the  
expiration of the 90-day period, the commission will not have  
12           sufficient time to study thoroughly the matter it undertakes; and

14           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
16           Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
18           safety; now, therefore, be it

20           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission  
to Study the Equalization of Maine State Retired Teachers Health  
22           Insurance Premium Payments is established; and be it further

24           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
shall consist of the following members: 4 Legislators appointed  
26           by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
of the Senate; 2 of whom must be members of the Joint Standing  
28           Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and 2 of whom are  
members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education; 2 teachers  
30           designated by the Maine Teachers Association; one representative  
of the Maine State Retirement System; one school superintendent;  
32           and one school principal, appointed by the Maine School  
Management Association; and be it further

34           **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
36           appointments shall be made no later than 30 days following the  
effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the  
38           Legislative Council shall be notified by all appointing  
authorities once the selections have been made. The Chair of the  
40           Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the  
commission. The commission shall select a chair from its  
42           membership; and be it further

44           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall undertake  
a study to determine how to make retired teachers health  
46           insurance premium payments by the State equal to premium payments  
for all other state employees within the Maine State Retirement  
48           System; and be it further

50           **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit  
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,  
52           to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by December  
1, 1990; and be it further

2           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall  
request from the Legislative Council sufficient staff assistance  
4 to carry out these duties; and be it further

6           **Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the  
commission who are Legislators shall receive the legislative per  
8 diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section  
2, for days of attendance at commission meetings. All members of  
10 the commission who are not state employees shall receive  
expenses, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,  
12 section 12002, upon application to the Executive Director of the  
Legislative Council for those expenses; and be it further  
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16           **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

	1989-90	1990-91
<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
<b>Commission to Study the Equalization of Maine State Retired Teachers Health Insurance Premium Payments</b>		
Personal Services	\$220	\$1,100
All Other	450	4,400
Provides funds for the per diem, meeting and related expenses of the commission. These funds shall not lapse, but shall carry forward.		
<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$670</u>	<u>\$5,500</u>

38           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
40 preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

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44   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46           This bill sets up a study to determine how to make retired  
teachers health insurance premium payments by the State equal to  
48 premium payments for all other state employees in the Maine State  
Retirement System.