

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 169

H.P. 124

House of Representatives, January 28, 1991

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

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

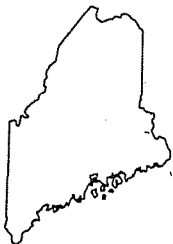
Presented by Representative HANLEY of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representative GARLAND of Bangor and Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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



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

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3 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.
4 D, §14 and as affected by §15, is further amended to read:

6 Each member of the Senate and the House of Representatives,
7 beginning with the first Wednesday of December 1990 and
8 thereafter, ~~shall receive \$10,500~~ is entitled to \$8,400 in the
9 first year and ~~\$7,500~~ \$6,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium,
10 and ~~shall be paid payment~~ for travel at each legislative session
11 once each week at the same rate per mile to and from that
12 Legislator's place of abode as state employees receive, the
13 mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route,
14 except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for
15 travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for
16 payment of the tolls, ~~such~~ those tolls to be reimbursed when
17 Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from
18 sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized
19 committee assignments. Each Legislator is entitled to mileage on
20 the first day of the session, and such amounts of salary and
21 expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during
22 the session, and the balance at the end thereof of the session.

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

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27 The first regular session of the Legislature, ~~after its~~
28 ~~convening, shall must~~ adjourn no later than the 3rd 2nd Wednesday
29 in June April and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature
30 shall must adjourn no later than the 3rd first Wednesday in ~~April~~
31 March. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a vote of
32 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, extend the
33 date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no
34 more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency,
35 may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and
36 voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional
37 legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd
38 regular sessions may also be extended for one additional
39 legislative day for the purpose of considering possible
40 objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to
41 ~~him~~ the Governor by the Legislature under the Constitution of
42 Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2. The date for
43 submission of legislation for the first regular session is the
44 first Tuesday after the first Monday in December.

46 Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §5 is enacted to read:

48 §5. Session procedure

50 Notwithstanding any rule of the Legislature, during any
regular session of the Legislature, the Legislature may not hold

2 daily sessions on Fridays, except that daily sessions may be held
4 on the last 4 Fridays of a regular session. This subsection does
6 not prohibit any joint standing committee of the Legislature from
8 holding a hearing on a Friday.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill reduces the salaries of Legislators by 20%, shortens the legislative sessions and prohibits all Friday sessions except during the last 4 Fridays of a regular session.