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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 5, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland

Cosponsored by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin, Representative BENNETT of Norway and Senator RICH of Cumberland.

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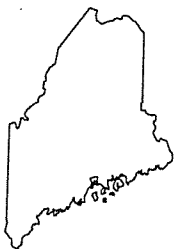
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Repeal Legislative Salary and Benefit Increases Granted in  
1989.**

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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 affected by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.  
4 D, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:

6 Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives,  
7 beginning with the first Wednesday of December 1990 1991 and  
8 thereafter, shall receive is entitled to \$10,500 ~~\$9,900~~ in the  
9 first year and \$7,500 ~~\$6,600~~ in the 2nd year of each biennium,  
10 and shall must be paid 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 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.

24 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, 3rd ¶, as affected by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.  
25 D, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:

26 Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall  
27 be ~~is~~ entitled to a meal allowance in the amount of \$32 ~~\$26~~ and a  
28 housing allowance in the amount of \$38 ~~\$34~~ for each day in  
29 attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day the  
30 member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either  
31 immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at  
32 daily sessions of the Legislature. In lieu of the meal and  
33 housing allowance, each member shall ~~be~~ is entitled to a daily  
34 meal allowance in the amount of \$32 ~~\$26~~ and actual daily mileage  
35 allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$38 ~~\$34~~ per day.  
36 Each member of the Senate shall also receive an annual allowance  
37 for constituent services in the amount of \$1,000, ~~\$650~~ of which  
38 shall be received at the start of each regular session and \$350  
39 of which shall be received in the month following adjournment of  
40 the regular session. Each member of the House of Representatives  
41 shall ~~also receive~~ is entitled to an annual allowance for  
42 constituent services in the amount of \$750, ~~\$500~~ of which shall  
43 be received at the start of each regular session and \$250 of  
44 which shall be received in the month following adjournment of the  
45 regular session.

48 Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §2, 6th ¶, as affected by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.  
49 D, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:

50 In addition to the salary paid for the first and 2nd regular  
51 sessions of the Legislature, when a special session is called,

2 the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall are  
each be--compensated \$100 entitled to \$55 for every day's  
4 attendance, expenses and mileage pursuant to this section.

6 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §2, 8th ¶**, as affected by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.  
D, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:

8 The member of the Penobscot Indian Nation and the member of  
the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe elected to represent their tribes  
10 at the Legislature shall--receive are entitled to compensation  
of ~~\$110~~ \$100 for each day's attendance during the first and 2nd  
12 regular sessions and allowance for meals, constituent service,  
housing and travel expenses as any other member of the Senate and  
14 House of Representatives for attendance at each legislative  
session. For the duration of any special session of the  
16 Legislature, they shall--receive are entitled to the same  
allowances, including housing, meal and travel expenses, as any  
18 other member of the Senate and House of Representatives.

20 **Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §2, 10th ¶**, as affected by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.  
D, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:

22 The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and  
members of a committee, with the approval of the President of the  
26 Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives as to  
members of a committee, may also meet on days when the  
28 Legislature is not in daily session at any convenient location  
within the State. Each member of the Senate and House of  
30 Representatives shall--receive is entitled to \$55 for every day's  
attendance when meetings or daily sessions are held, a meal  
32 allowance in the amount of ~~\$32~~ \$26 and a housing allowance  
whereby actual lodging expenses will--be are reimbursed at the  
34 single-room rate, provided that a receipt is submitted to the  
Executive Director of the Legislative Council for each day in  
36 attendance at such meetings or daily sessions and for each day  
that member occupies overnight accommodations away from home  
38 either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance  
at daily sessions of the Legislature and actual daily mileage  
40 allowances which shall--be are paid at the same rate paid to state  
employees. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each  
42 member shall--be is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the  
amount of ~~\$32~~ \$26 and actual daily mileage allowances.

44 **Sec. 6. 3 MRSA §2, 12th ¶**, as affected by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.  
46 D, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:

48 If a member of the Legislature dies or otherwise vacates the  
office, the successor is entitled to a salary from the date of  
50 seating, computed as follows: ~~two~~ one hundred ~~ten~~ eighty dollars  
per week times the number of weeks remaining in the calendar year  
52 if the vacancy occurs in the first year and ~~\$150~~ \$120 per week

2 for the number of weeks remaining in the calendar year if the  
vacancy occurs in the 2nd year.

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6 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

8 This bill returns the rate of legislative salary to \$9,900  
10 during the first year and \$6,600 during the 2nd year of the  
biennium. It also returns the housing allowance to \$34 per day,  
12 the meal allowance to \$26 per day and the special session per  
diem to the rate of \$55 per day. These are the rates that were  
14 in effect before December 5, 1990.