

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "II" to H.P. 1402, L.D. 1985, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993 and to Change Certain Provisions of Law"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

PART OO

Sec. OO-1. 3 MRSA §2, first ¶, as amended by PL 1991, c. 4, is further amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday of December 1990 1991 and thereafter, is entitled to \$10,500 \$8,400 in the first year and \$7,500 in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a Legislator who is a recipient of retirement benefits from the federal Social Security Administration files a written request with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council within one week after the biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to \$9,000 \$7,950 in each year of the biennium. In addition, each Legislator is entitled to be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from that Legislator's place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed when Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments. Each Legislator is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and such amounts of salary and expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof of the session.

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

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

22           Sec. OO-3. 3 MRSA §§5, 21-A and 41-A are enacted to read:

23           §5. Session procedure

24           Notwithstanding any rule of the Legislature, during any  
25 regular session of the Legislature the Legislature may not hold  
26 daily sessions on Fridays, except that daily sessions may be held  
27 on the last 4 Fridays of a regular session. This section does  
28 not prohibit any joint standing committee of the Legislature from  
29 holding a hearing on a Friday.

30           §21-A. President of the Senate; term limitation

31           A person who has served as President of the Senate for a  
32 total of 2 legislative bienniums is ineligible to serve in that  
33 capacity during any other biennium.

34           §41-A. Speaker of the House of Representatives; term limitation

35           A person who has served as Speaker of the House of  
36 Representatives for a total of 2 legislative bienniums is  
37 ineligible to serve in that capacity during any other biennium.

38           Sec. OO-4. 3 MRSA §163, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

39           2-B. Legislative staff; limit. To appoint no more than 75  
40 full-time staff members, subject to the limitation in paragraph A.

41           A. The number of full-time staff members employed by the  
42 Legislature may not be increased after December 31, 1991.

2 Any staff member who resigns, retires or leaves for any  
3 other reason may not be replaced until the number of  
4 full-time staff members is reduced to 75. Any position that  
5 becomes vacant after the number of full-time staff members  
6 reaches 75 may be filled at the discretion of the Executive  
7 Director of the Legislative Council;

8 Sec. 00-5. Appropriation. The following funds are  
9 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
10 this Act.

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13 Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory  
14 Office

15	Positions - Legislative Count	(-2.0)
16	Personal Services	(\$20,478)
17	All Other	(3,305)
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19	TOTAL	(\$23,783)

20 Provides for the deappropriation of funds  
21 from the elimination of the Maine-Canadian  
22 Legislative Advisory Office, including one  
23 Director position and one Office Assistant  
24 position.

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26	Personal Services	(\$24,000)
27	All Other	(1,440)
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29	TOTAL	(\$25,440)

30 Provides for the deappropriation of funds  
31 due to shorter regular sessions.

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33 TOTAL 

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 (\$49,223)'

34 Further amend the bill by relettering the Parts to read  
35 consecutively.

36 FISCAL NOTE

37 This amendment would generate approximately (\$49,223) in  
38 fiscal year 1991-92 as a result of eliminating the Maine-Canadian  
39 Legislative Advisory Office and shorter sessions. In fiscal year

1992-93 a 20% pay decrease for Legislators and a shorter session will generate savings of approximately \$545,000. Fiscal year 1992-93 savings from the elimination of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office were included in Public Law 1991, chapter 591.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment makes several changes to the laws regulating the Legislature, including reduction of legislative salaries, earlier adjournment dates, regulation of cloture and the session schedule, term limitation for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, reduction of staff and elimination of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office.

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