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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Representative BENNETT of Norway and Representative AULT of Wayne.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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:

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

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, 6 beginning with the first Wednesday of December 1999 1994 and thereafter, is entitled to \$10,500 <u>\$8,400</u> in the first year and 8 \$7,500 <u>\$6,000</u> in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a 10 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 12 week after the biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to In addition, each 14 \$9,000 \$7,200 in each year of the biennium. Legislator is entitled to be paid for travel at each legislative 16 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, 18 except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for 20 travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such those tolls to be reimbursed when Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from 22 sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments. Each Legislator is entitled to mileage on 24 the first day of the session, and such amounts of salary and 26 expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof of the session. 28

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

32 The first regular session of the Legislature--after--its eenveningr-shall must adjourn no later than the 3rd 2nd Wednesday in June April and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature 34 shall must adjourn no later than the 3rd lst Wednesday in April March. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a vote of 36 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, extend the 38 date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, 40 may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional 42 legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may extended for one additional also be 44 legislative day for the purpose of considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to 46 him the Governor by the Legislature under the Constitution, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2. The date for submission of 48 legislation for the first regular session is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §5 is enacted to read:

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§5. Session procedure

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

 $\mathbf{14}$ This bill reduces the salaries of Legislators by 20% from statutorily authorized amount, shortens the legislative the 16 sessions, prohibits all Friday sessions except during the last 4 Fridays of a regular session and establishes an earlier cloture 18 date for the first regular session.

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