

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 35

H.P. 41

House of Representatives, January 12, 1995

An Act to Reduce the Meal Allowance for Legislators from \$32 to \$16.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, JOY of Crystal, POIRIER of Saco, STEDMAN of Hartland, TRUE of Fryeburg, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway, Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 3rd and 10th ¶¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. D, §§14 and 15, are further amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be ~~is~~ entitled to a meal allowance in the amount of ~~\$32~~ \$16 and a housing allowance in the amount of \$38 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day the member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member shall ~~be~~ is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of ~~\$32~~ \$16 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$38 per day. Each member of the Senate shall also ~~receive~~ receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$1,000, \$650 of which shall ~~be~~ is received at the start of each regular session and \$350 of which shall ~~be~~ is received in the month following adjournment of the regular session. Each member of the House of Representatives shall also ~~receive~~ receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$750, \$500 of which shall ~~be~~ is received at the start of each regular session and \$250 of which shall ~~be~~ is received in the month following adjournment of the regular session.

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and members of a committee, with the approval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives as to members of a committee, may also meet on days when the Legislature is not in daily session at any convenient location within the State. Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall ~~receive~~ receives \$55 for every day's attendance when meetings or daily sessions are held, a meal allowance in the amount of ~~\$32~~ \$16 and a housing allowance ~~whereby where~~ actual lodging expenses will be reimbursed at the single-room rate, ~~provided-that~~ if a receipt is submitted to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for each day in attendance at such meetings or daily sessions and for each day that member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature and actual daily mileage allowances which shall ~~be~~ are paid at the same rate paid to state employees. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member shall ~~be~~ is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of ~~\$32~~ \$16 and actual daily mileage allowances.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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\$32 to \$16.