

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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REPORT A  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 59, L.D. 84, Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Meal Allowance for Legislators from \$32 to \$16"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Change the Meal Allowance and Constituent Service Allowance for Legislators'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$16" and inserting in its place the following: '\$22'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first indented paragraph in the 9th line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$16" and inserting in its place the following: '\$22'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first indented paragraph in the 9th line from the end (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$1,000, \$650" and inserting in its place the following: '~~\$1,000, \$650~~ \$2,000, \$1,300'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first indented paragraph in the 7th line from the end (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$350" and inserting in its place the following: '\$350 \$700'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first indented paragraph in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$750, \$500" and inserting in its place the following: '~~\$750, \$500~~ \$1,500, \$1,000'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first indented  
paragraph in the 2nd line from the end (page 1, line 24 in L.D.)  
4 by striking out the following: "\$250" and inserting in its place  
the following: '~~\$250~~ \$500'

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8 Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 2nd indented  
paragraph in the 10th line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking  
out the following: "\$16" and inserting in its place the  
10 following: '\$22'

12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 2nd indented  
paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 47 in L.D.) by striking  
14 out the following: "\$16" and inserting in its place the  
following: '\$22'

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18 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the  
following:

20 '**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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24 **1998-99**

26 **LEGISLATURE**

28 **Legislature**

30 All Other (\$57,620)

32 Deappropriates the net savings realized from  
reducing the meal allowance and increasing  
34 the constituent service allowance for  
Legislators.

36 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1999.'

38 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

42 **FISCAL NOTE**

44 **1997-98 1998-99**

46 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

48 General Fund (\$57,620)

2 Reducing the meal allowance and increasing the constituent  
3 service allowance for legislators will result in net savings to  
4 the Legislature of \$57,620 in fiscal year 1998-99. This amount  
5 is deappropriated.

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7 In the 2000-2001 and subsequent biennia, this bill will  
8 result in net savings of approximately \$31,000 over each  
9 biennium. Additional costs of approximately \$70,500 in fiscal  
10 year 1999-2000 and other fiscal years that coincide with 2nd  
11 Regular Sessions will be offset by savings of approximately  
12 \$101,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 and other fiscal years that  
13 coincide with 1st Regular Sessions.'

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**SUMMARY**

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17 The original bill reduced the meal allowance for Legislators  
18 from \$32 to \$16. This amendment reduces the meal allowance for  
19 Legislators from \$32 to \$22 and transfers most of the savings  
20 realized by reducing the meal allowance to the constituent  
21 service allowance. The amendment adds an effective date of  
22 January 1, 1999. It also adds an appropriation section and a  
23 fiscal note to the bill.  
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