

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1183

H.P. 866

House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

An Act to Implement a Sliding Scale Salary Plan for Legislators.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, DUNLAP of Old Town, JONES of Bar Harbor,
PINKHAM of Lamoine, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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 amended by PL 1991, c. 4, is
4 further amended to read:

6 Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives,
7 beginning with the first Wednesday of December 1990 and
8 thereafter, is entitled to ~~\$10,500 in the first year and \$7,500~~
9 ~~in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a Legislator who~~
10 ~~is a recipient of retirement benefits from the federal Social~~
11 ~~Security Administration files a written request with the~~
12 ~~Executive Director of the Legislative Council within one week~~
13 ~~after the biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to~~
14 \$9,000 in each year of the biennium a salary to be determined by
15 rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
16 based on a financial statement submitted by each member and a
17 sliding salary scale. The department shall devise a sliding
18 scale and a financial statement to be completed and submitted to
19 the department by each member by December 1st of each biennium.
20 Rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial
21 Services under this paragraph are major substantive rules
22 pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. In addition,
23 each Legislator is entitled to be paid for travel at each
24 legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to
25 and from that Legislator's place of abode as state employees
26 receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable
27 direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls
28 paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a
29 receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed
30 when Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from
31 sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized
32 committee assignments. Each Legislator is entitled to mileage on
33 the first day of the session, and such amounts of salary and
34 expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during
35 the session, and the balance at the end thereof.

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38 **SUMMARY**

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40 This bill requires the Department of Administrative and
41 Financial Services to devise a sliding salary scale for members
42 of the Senate and House of Representatives, and a financial
43 statement to be completed and submitted by each member by
44 December 1st of each biennium. The bill further requires the
45 department to use the sliding salary scale and the financial
46 statements to determine the salary of each member.