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House of Representatives, March 5, 1997

An Act to Reestablish the State Compensation Commission.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford. Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Holden, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, ROWE of Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

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

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	Sec.1. 3 MRSA §2-B is enacted to read:				
4	§2-B. State Compensation Commission				
б	32-D. State compensation commission				
0	1. State Compensation Commission; membership. The State				
8	Compensation Commission, established in Title 5, section 12004-G,				
	subsection 26-D and referred to in this section as the				
10	"commission," consists of 5 members appointed as follows:				
12	A. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate;				
14	B. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House; and				
16	C. One member appointed by a majority of the members				
	appointed under paragraphs A and B, who serves as chair of				
18	the commission.				
20	The 5 members must be residents of the State and appointed from				
20	the public. A person may not be appointed who is a Legislator at				
22	the time of appointment.				
24	<u>All members must be appointed for a term to coincide with the</u>				
	legislative biennium. A vacancy must be filled in the same				
26	manner as the original appointment for the balance of the				
28	unexpired term.				
20	The members of the commission are entitled to a per diem,				
30	expenses and allowances at the same rate as Legislators.				
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32	2. Duties of commission. No later than January 15th of				
	every even-numbered year, the commission shall submit to the				
34	Legislature a report of the commission. The report must contain:				
36	A. A description of the commission's activities;				
38	B. The recommendations of the commission for all regular				
	and special sessions of the next Legislature concerning:				
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	(1) Compensation of Legislators and representatives of				
42	Indian tribes, including, but not limited to, all				
11	payments for: salaries, meals, housing, travel, mileage and all other expenses and allowances; additional				
44	and all other expenses and allowances; additional service as President of the Senate, as Speaker of the				
46	House or as a member of leadership; and for constituent				
	services; and				
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- (2) Compensation for the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the State Auditor;
- C. The reasons for its recommendations;
- D. Drafts of any legislation required to implement its recommendations; and
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E. Any other material and recommendations that commission members may wish to submit.

Before reporting as required in this subsection and subsequent to qiving public notice, the commission shall hold a public hearing on the report. Subsequent to reporting, the commission shall meet, if requested, with the Governor, the Legislative Council and legislative committees to discuss the report.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§26-D is enacted to read:

	<u>26-D.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Legislative</u>	<u>3 MRSA</u>
22	Legislature	<u>Compensation</u>	Per Diem and	<u>§2-В</u>
		<u>Commission</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	

SUMMARY

This bill reestablishes the State Compensation Commission. The commission consists of 5 members appointed from the public. Every 2 years, the commission shall submit to the Legislature its recommendations regarding compensation for Legislators, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the State Auditor.