

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1445

H.P. 1076

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

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**An Act to Allow a Legislator to Opt Out of the Partisan Staff System.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

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

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**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 509, §§1 and 2,  
4 is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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If a Legislator declines the services of the partisan staff  
8 offices, that Legislator is entitled to an amount that represents  
the proportionate share of the cost as budgeted for the 2  
partisan offices for the chamber of which that Legislator is a  
10 member. Money received pursuant to this paragraph must be used  
for constituent services.

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**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect December 1, 2002.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill allows a Legislator to decline the services of  
partisan staff and receive a pro rata share of the budgeted costs  
20 of the partisan offices to be used directly by the Legislator for  
constituent services. The bill takes effect December 1, 2002.