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# Report B

L.D. 1892

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## APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 690, L.D. 1892, Bill, "An Act to Adjust the Salary of the Governor"

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

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**'An Act to Adjust the Salary and Benefits of the Governor'**

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$123,500" and inserting in its place the following: '\$101,000'

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

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**'Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §1-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 422, is further amended to read:

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**1. Terms and conditions.** Any former Governor and any surviving spouse of a deceased Governor or former Governor is entitled, upon application and upon reaching age 60 62, to a retirement allowance under the following terms and conditions.

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A. The amount of the retirement allowance is 3/8 of the annual salary being paid the current Governor on the date the former Governor reaches age 60 62 or leaves office, ~~which-ever~~ whichever comes later.

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B. The surviving spouse of a Governor or former Governor ~~shall-be~~ is eligible to receive:

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(1) If the spouse is age 60 62 or older:

(a) The retirement allowance the Governor was receiving or was entitled to receive if the deceased or former Governor died at age 60 62 or older; or

(b) A retirement pension equal to 3/8 of the salary paid to the Governor currently in office if the former Governor died before age 60 62; or

(2) If the spouse is under age 60 62:

(a) At the time the spouse reaches age 60 62, a retirement pension equal to 3/8 of the salary paid to the Governor currently in office; or

(b) Before the spouse reaches age 60 62, a reduced retirement pension actuarially equivalent to the benefit ~~which he~~ that the spouse would have received under division (a).

C. Any person who succeeds to the office of Governor by means other than by election must serve as Governor a minimum of 6 months to qualify ~~himself~~ the Governor or a surviving spouse for the retirement allowance.

D. Whatever adjustments are made under Title 5, sections 17806 and 18407 shall must be applied to payments made under this section.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Administration - Executive - Governor's Office**

Initiative: Provides funds for the increased salary and benefits costs of the Governor.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Personal Services	\$0	\$18,971

**Sec. 4. Application.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 1-A, subsection 1, applies to a Governor or spouse of a Governor who takes office after January 1, 2003.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

2001-02 2002-03

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$0 \$18,971

The Governor's Office Administration account in the Executive Department will require a General Fund appropriation of \$18,971 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the 1/2-year cost of salary and benefits due to the increase in the Governor's salary from \$70,000 to \$101,000 annually. This account will require an annual appropriation estimated in excess of \$37,000 beginning in fiscal year 2003-04 for this salary and benefits increase.

The Maine State Retirement System's Retirement Allowance Fund will require additional General Fund appropriations in a future fiscal year as a result of increasing the Governor's salary from \$70,000 to \$101,000 annually. The amount is estimated to be approximately \$11,625 per year per recipient. The impact of increasing the age at which a future Governor or spouse may qualify for benefits from this fund can not be determined at this time. The total amount and the timing of the additional funds needed can not be determined at this time.'

SUMMARY

This is Report B of the committee. This amendment:

- 1. Decreases the salary increase of the bill from \$123,500 to \$101,000;
2. Changes the age at which the Governor or spouse of the Governor becomes eligible for retirement benefits from age 60 to age 62;
3. Makes the changes to the age for retirement eligibility applicable to a Governor taking office after January 1, 2003; and
4. Adds an appropriation section and fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT