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121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION-2004

Legislative Document

No. 1961

S.P. 806

In Senate, April 14, 2004

An Act To Clarify Legislative Pay

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner and

Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland, President DAGGETT of

Kennebec, DAMON of Hancock, EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook,

PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representative: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
4	Whereas, this Act eliminates the per diem compensation
6	payment for attendance at any special session of the Legislature that convenes before the applicable statutory adjournment date;
8	and
10	Whereas, this Act applies retroactively to apply to any special session of the 121st Legislature that is convened after
12	January 30, 2004 and prior to April 21, 2004; and
14	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18	safety; now, therefore,
20	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22	Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 6th ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. O, §§3 and 22, c. 600, Pt. B, §§9 and 10 and c. 878, Pt. D, §§14
24	and 15, is further amended to read:
26	In addition to the salary paid for the first and 2nd regular sessions of the Legislature, when a special session is called,
28	the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall must each be compensated \$100 for every day's attendance, expenses and
30	mileage pursuant to this section; except that if a special session is called during the time period specified in this
32	section for a first regular session or 2nd regular session, the special session per diem does not apply.
34	Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to
36	January 30, 2004.
38	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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42	SUMMARY
44	This bill eliminates the per diem compensation payment for attendance at any special session of the Legislature that
46	convenes prior to the statutory adjournment date. This bill applies retroactively to January 30, 2004.
48	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
	(See attached)



121st Maine Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review

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LR 2882(01)
Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Sponsor: Sen. Treat
Committee: Not Referred
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined Cost Avoidance - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will avoid an increase in unbudgeted costs to the Legislature estimated to be approximately \$20,250 per day for each day the Legislature is in Special Session. This estimate is based on legislators being entitled to receive \$100 per day plus some related retirement costs. The total impact of this bill will depend on how many days the Legislature will remain in Special Session. In addition, this bill will avoid the \$55 per diem for each legislator to attend committee meetings held during days when the Legislature is not in session.