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No. 1428

S.P. 512

In Senate, April 7, 2009

An Act Regarding the Pay of Tribal Representatives

(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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLISS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick and

Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, HASTINGS of Oxford, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SULLIVAN of York,

Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRYANT of Windham, CLEARY of Houlton, CROCKETT of Bethel, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HILL of York, KRUGER of Thomaston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, NASS of Acton, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, STEVENS of Bangor.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 **Whereas,** under current law Tribal Representatives to the Maine Legislature are not
4 considered members of the House of Representatives for purposes of compensation; and
5 **Whereas,** this legislation amends the law to compensate Tribal Representatives in
6 the same manner as other members of the House of Representatives; and
7 **Whereas,** it is necessary that this change be implemented immediately; and
8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
11 therefore,

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

13 **Sec. 1.** 3 MRSA §2, 8th ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. O, §4; c. 600, Pt.
14 B, §§9 and 10; and c. 878, Pt. D, §§14 and 15, is further amended to read:

15 The For purposes of this section, "member of the House of Representatives" includes
16 the member of the Penobscot Indian Nation and the member of the Passamaquoddy
17 Indian Tribe elected to represent their tribes at the Legislature shall receive a
18 compensation of \$110 for each day's attendance during the first and 2nd regular sessions
19 and allowance for meals, constituent service, housing and travel expenses as any other
20 member of the Senate and House of Representatives for attendance at each legislative
21 session. For the duration of any special session of the Legislature, they shall receive the
22 same allowances, including housing, meal and travel expenses, as any other member of
23 the Senate and House of Representatives.

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
25 legislation takes effect when approved.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill provides that the Tribal Representatives elected to the House are considered
28 House members for compensation and other purposes.