

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 272

House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

### **An Act To Increase the Salaries of the Governor and Legislators**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 361, Pt. B, §1, is further amended  
3 to read:

4 **§1. Residence; office hours; secretary; salary**

5 The ~~Governor shall have his~~ Governor's official residence is located at Augusta  
6 during ~~his the Governor's~~ term of office, and the Governor shall keep ~~his the Governor's~~  
7 office at the State House open for the transaction of the business of the State during all  
8 normal working hours of the State House.

9 In the absence of the Governor, ~~his the Governor's~~ private secretary shall be in  
10 attendance and the private secretary shall devote ~~his the~~ entire time to the duties of ~~his the~~  
11 private secretary's office.

12 Until the first Wednesday of January 1987, the Governor ~~shall receive~~ receives an  
13 annual salary of \$35,000. Beginning the first Wednesday of January 1987, the Governor  
14 ~~shall receive~~ receives an annual salary of \$70,000. Beginning the first Wednesday of  
15 January 2019, the Governor receives an annual salary of \$120,000.

16 A former Governor may accept as a personal gift from the State at the end of ~~his the~~  
17 Governor's final term the desk and chair used by that Governor as Governor.

18 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. QQQQ, §1, is  
19 further amended to read:

20 Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first  
21 Wednesday of December 2000 and thereafter, is entitled to \$10,815 in the first year and  
22 \$7,725 in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a Legislator who is a recipient of  
23 retirement benefits from the federal Social Security Administration files a written request  
24 with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council within one week after the  
25 biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to \$9,270 in each year of the biennium.  
26 Each member of the Senate and the House of Representatives must receive a cost-of-  
27 living adjustment in annual legislative salary, except that the percentage increase may not  
28 exceed 5% in any year, and except that the percentage increase may not exceed 3%  
29 beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Beginning December 1, 2001, the  
30 salary for each legislative session must be adjusted each December 1st by the percentage  
31 change in the Consumer Price Index for the most recently concluded fiscal year; except  
32 that no member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may receive a cost-of-  
33 living adjustment in annual legislative salary for the Second Regular Session of the 124th  
34 Legislature, and except that no member of the Senate or the House of Representatives  
35 may receive a cost-of-living adjustment in annual legislative salary for the Second  
36 Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and the First Regular Session and the Second  
37 Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, and any percentage change in the Consumer  
38 Price Index for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013  
39 may not be applied to the base salary. Beginning the first Wednesday of December 2018,  
40 each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to \$24,126.22 in the  
41 first year and \$17,112.75 in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a Legislator

1 who is a recipient of retirement benefits from the federal Social Security Administration  
2 files a written request with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council within one  
3 week after the biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to \$20,619.49 in each year  
4 of the biennium. In addition, each Legislator is entitled to be paid for travel at each  
5 legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from that Legislator's  
6 place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most  
7 reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel  
8 on the Maine Turnpike as long as they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls  
9 to be reimbursed when Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from  
10 sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments.  
11 Each Legislator is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and those amounts of  
12 salary and expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session,  
13 and the balance at the end of the session.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases the Governor's salary in January of 2019 from \$70,000 per year to  
16 \$120,000 per year and increases legislative salaries in December of 2018 by the same  
17 percentage, from \$14,073.63 for the first year of the biennium and \$9,982.44 for the 2nd  
18 year of the biennium to \$24,126.22 for the first year of the biennium and \$17,112.75 for  
19 the 2nd year of the biennium.