

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 56

House of Representatives, January 11, 2017

An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor

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 FARRIN of Norridgewock.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HANLEY of Pittston, HERRICK of Paris, MARTIN
of Eagle Lake, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WARD of Dedham, Senators: DAVIS of
Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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, Part B, section 1, is further
3 amended to read:

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

5 The ~~Governor shall have his~~ Governor's official residence ~~at is located in~~ 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 \$150,000.

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 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill increases the Governor's salary from \$70,000 per year to \$150,000 per year
20 beginning January 2019.