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Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Salaries of the Governor, Legislators and Executive and Legislative Staff

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, HAMPER of Oxford, KATZ of
Kennebec, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, McELWEE of Caribou, NADEAU of
Winslow.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
2 353, the Commission To Study the Salaries of the Governor, Legislators and Executive
3 and Legislative Staff, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and
4 be it further

5 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
6 13 members appointed as follows:

7 1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2
8 members from the party holding the largest number of seats in the Senate and one
9 member from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate;

10 2. Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
11 House, including 3 members from the party holding the largest number of seats in the
12 House of Representatives and 2 members from the party holding the 2nd largest number
13 of seats in the House of Representatives;

14 3. One member of the public with experience as an employer or chief executive
15 officer, appointed by the President of the Senate;

16 4. One member of the public with experience in human resources in the private
17 sector, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

18 5. One member of the public with experience in salary and benefits issues, appointed
19 by the President of the Senate;

20 6. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the
21 commissioner's designee; and

22 7. The Executive Director of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, or the
23 executive director's designee; and be it further

24 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
25 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
26 commission; and be it further

27 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
28 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
29 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
30 Council once all appointments have been completed. If 30 days or more after the
31 effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the
32 chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the
33 commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

34 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review the salaries of the
35 Governor, Legislators and executive and legislative staff members, including a
36 comparison to salary structures used in other state governments, and make
37 recommendations for necessary changes; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2017, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Salaries of the Governor, Legislators and Executive and Legislative Staff. The commission is charged with studying the salaries of the Governor, Legislators and executive and legislative staff members and making recommendations for any necessary changes. The commission is required to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by December 6, 2017.