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An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §1, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §6, is further amended
3 to read:

4 Until the first Wednesday of January 1987, the Governor receives an annual salary of
5 \$35,000. Beginning the first Wednesday of January 1987 until the last day of December
6 2026, the Governor is entitled to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. Beginning January
7 1, 2027, the Governor is entitled to receive an annual salary that is equal to the average
8 salary received by the chief executives of the states in the United States. Beginning
9 December 1, 2026, the Treasurer of State shall annually calculate the average of salaries
10 for all chief executives of the states in the United States and provide that dollar amount to
11 the State Controller for payment of the annual salary of the Governor for the year
12 immediately following the calculation.

13 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 2, §2, is further amended
14 to read:

15 Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first
16 Wednesday of December 2000 ~~and thereafter~~ until the day before the first Wednesday of
17 December 2024, is entitled to \$10,815 in the first year and \$7,725 in the 2nd year of each
18 biennium, except that if a Legislator who is a recipient of retirement benefits from the
19 federal Social Security Administration files a written request with the Executive Director
20 of the Legislative Council within one week after the biennium commences, the Legislator
21 is entitled to \$9,270 in each year of the biennium. ~~Each member of the Senate and the~~
22 ~~House of Representatives must receive a cost-of-living adjustment in annual legislative~~
23 ~~salary, except that the percentage increase may not exceed 5% in any year, and except that~~
24 ~~the percentage increase may not exceed 3% beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30,~~
25 ~~2014. Beginning December 1, 2001, the salary for each legislative session must be adjusted~~
26 ~~each December 1st by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the most~~
27 ~~recently concluded fiscal year; except that a member of the Senate or the House of~~
28 ~~Representatives may not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in annual legislative salary for~~
29 ~~the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, and except that a member of the~~
30 ~~Senate or the House of Representatives may not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in~~
31 ~~annual legislative salary for the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and the~~
32 ~~First Regular Session and the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, and any~~
33 ~~percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011,~~
34 ~~June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013 may not be applied to the base salary. In addition, each~~
35 Each Legislator is entitled to be paid mileage for travel at each legislative session to and
36 from that Legislator's place of abode at a rate of 55¢ per mile or the federal standard mileage
37 rate, whichever is lower, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route,
38 except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike
39 as long as they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed when
40 Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or
41 in performance of duly authorized committee assignments. Each Legislator is entitled to
42 mileage on the first day of the session, and those amounts of salary and expenses at such
43 times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end of the
44 session.

