

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1522            House of Representatives, March 1, 1929.

On motion of Mr. Robie of Westbrook tabled pending reference to a committee and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

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AN ACT With Reference to the State Budget.

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

Section one of chapter one hundred two of the public  
2 laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby amended by  
3 striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following:

'Section 1. The governor, state auditor, state treasurer,  
2 one member of the senate and one member of the house  
3 of the Maine legislature, together with the governor-elect,  
4 if he is a different individual from the governor, are hereby  
5 constituted a committee to be known as the committee on  
6 budget. The member from the senate shall be selected by

7 the president of the senate and the member from the house  
8 shall be selected by the speaker of the house. In each case  
9 the selection shall be, if practicable, the senior ranking mem-  
10 ber of the senate and house respectively of the committee  
11 on appropriations and financial affairs, if such member is  
12 to serve as a member of the next succeeding legislature,  
13 otherwise shall be some other member of such committee  
14 who is to serve as a member of the next succeeding legisla-  
15 ture, otherwise shall be some other member of the senate  
16 and house respectively who is to serve as a member of the  
17 next succeeding legislature. Any vacancy in the legislative  
18 members of the budget committee shall be filled by the  
19 original appointing power unless there shall be a vacancy  
20 in the office of the president of the senate or speaker of  
21 the house respectively, in which case the vacancy in the  
22 budget committee shall be filled by the governor by appoint-  
23 ment from the membership of the legislature. The governor  
24 shall be the chairman of the committee and the auditor its  
25 secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the com-  
26 mittee and shall record them in a suitable book to be kept  
27 for that purpose in the office of the state auditor. The  
28 minutes of the committee shall be a public record and shall  
29 at all times be open to public inspection. The members of  
30 the committee shall be paid the necessary expenses incurred  
31 in the performance of their duties under this act, and in  
32 addition thereto the legislative members shall receive five  
33 dollars a day for the time actually spent in the performance

34 of their duties hereunder while the legislature is not in ses-  
35 sion. The secretary of the committee is hereby authorized  
36 to expend such sums as he may require for clerical assist-  
37 ance in carrying out the provisions of this act, not to exceed  
38 five hundred dollars in each biennial period.'