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H. P. 1501

House of Representatives, July 9, 1946

Referred to Committee on Salaries and Fees. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. True of Rangeley.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SIX

**AN ACT Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees and
Appropriating Money Therefor.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of the increase in the cost of living, salaries of state employees are inadequate; and

Whereas, many have and will be obliged to take employment elsewhere unless relief is given to meet the aforesaid increased cost of living; and

Whereas, because of said inadequate salaries, suitable replacements cannot be obtained; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the administration of the state affairs in all departments is vitally affected; and

Whereas, efficient administration is vital for the well-being of the state and all citizens; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16, part third, article IV of the constitution of Maine as enacted by article XXXI, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Salary adjustment. Beginning August 1, 1946, all full-time state employees shall be granted an increase in salary in accordance with the following schedule: Employees earning up to and not including \$5,000 per year, \$7.20 per week, which sum shall be in addition to the salary now being received by such employee, less the amount of increase that such employee is now receiving under the provisions of chapter 135 of the private and special laws of 1945; provided that no such employee shall receive more than \$5,000 per year because of such weekly increase under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. Limitation. The provisions of this act shall not affect or change any powers and duties granted to the personnel board under the provisions of chapter 59 of the revised statutes and shall remain in effect for a period of 6 months.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$375,000 to carry out the provisions of this act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.