

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Farmington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees.**

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**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 the constitution of Maine, 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 February 5, 1947, all full-time state employees shall be granted an increase in salary of \$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. With the exception of troopers, sergeants and commissioned officers of the state police, the provisions of this act shall not apply to those whose salaries are set by either the governor and council or by the legislature.

**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.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$300,000 to carry out the provisions of this act from February 5, 1947 to June 30, 1947.

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