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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN

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

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 July 1, 1947 and continuing through June 30, 1949, all full-time state employees or substitutes therefor

shall be granted an increase in salary of \$7.20 per week, provided, however, that the personnel board, with the approval of the governor and council, shall have the authority to make such reduction in any or all of the salary increases provided herein as they may determine.

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.

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