

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 11, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Salaries and Fees. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE** Appropriating Moneys to Maintain Present Salary Scale for  
State Employees.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, because of the continued high cost of living, salaries of state employees must be maintained at the present level; and

Whereas, great hardship will be caused among the employees unless such salary scale is maintained, and suitable replacements could not be found; and

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

Whereas, efficient administration is vital to the well-being of the state and to its 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

**Present salary scale for state employees, maintained. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$95,000 from the general fund of the state for the purpose of defraying the cost of the temporary

salary increase for state employees, as already authorized by the personnel board, for the remainder of the present fiscal year.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall become effective March 5, 1949.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

On October 4, 1948, the Personnel board authorized a general increase in salaries to all classified employees. Funds have been provided from the governor's contingent fund to certain departments which have made it possible to continue the increase up to March 5, 1949.

The above amount represents the amount necessary to continue the increase from March 5, 1949 to the end of the present fiscal year. This does not contemplate any increase in general pay scales beyond that which is being received by the employees.