

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Provide Facilities for the Peaceful Settlement of Industrial  
Disputes Through Mediation.**

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

R. S., c. 25, §§ 9-E - 9-I, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 9-E to 9-I, inclusive, to read as follows:

**Panel of Mediators**

**Sec. 9-E. Declaration of policy.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to provide full and adequate facilities for the settlement of disputes between employers and employees or their representatives through mediation.

**Sec. 9-F. Panel of mediators.** There is hereby created a panel of mediators which shall consist of 5 impartial members, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several members, for terms of 3 years. One member of the panel shall be appointed chairman thereof by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Members of the panel shall each receive \$20 a day, for their services, for the time actually employed in the

discharge of their official duties and shall also receive their travelling and all other necessary expenses. Neither the commissioner nor any official of the department of labor and industry nor any member of the board of arbitration and conciliation shall be eligible to serve as a member of the panel, nor have any jurisdiction or authority over the panel in the performance of its duties.

**Sec. 9-G. Mediation procedure; duties of the panel.** The chairman of the panel, upon request of one or both of the parties to a dispute between an employer and his employees, shall, or upon his own motion may, proffer the services of one or more members of the panel to be selected by the chairman, to serve as a mediator or mediators in such a dispute. The member or members so selected shall exert every reasonable effort to encourage the parties to the dispute to settle their differences by conference or other peaceful means.

**Sec. 9-H. Services of panel not available if covered by agreement.** The services of the panel as mediators shall not be invoked in any dispute between the parties to an agreement between an employer and his employees if such agreement contains provisions providing a method for settlement of such dispute.

**Sec. 9-I. Privilege.** Any information disclosed by either party to a dispute to the panel or any of its members in carrying out the provisions of sections 9-E to 9-I, inclusive, shall be privileged.'