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Legislative Document

No. 238

S. P. 111

House of Representatives, January 29, 1957.

On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle tabled pending reference, tomorrow assigned and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Senator Sinclair of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Salaries of Members of the Legislature.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature has adjourned; and

Whereas, existing legal limitations require that salary payments to the members of the Legislature be pro-rated at monthly intervals; and

Whereas, such deferred salary payments constitute an unnecessary hardship on members of the Legislature in discharging necessary financial obligations accruing as a result of legislative attendance; 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. R. S., c. 10, § 2, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 2 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 478 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive \$1,250 for the regular session of the Legislature, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the rate of 5c per mile to and from his place of abode, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route. He is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and ~~\$100 of his salary on the first day of each month thereafter~~ such amounts of his salary and at

such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof; but ~~\$2.~~ **Two dollars** shall be deducted from the pay of every member for each day that he is absent from his duties, without being excused by the House to which he belongs.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to the first Wednesday of January, 1957.

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