

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 3: LEGISLATURE
Chapter 1: ORGANIZATION OF THE LEGISLATURE

§2-B. STATE COMPENSATION COMMISSION

1. State Compensation Commission; membership. The State Compensation Commission, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 26-D and referred to in this section as the "commission," consists of 5 members appointed as follows:

- A. Two members, not from the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate; [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]
- B. Two members, not from the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]
- C. One member appointed by a majority of the members appointed under paragraphs A and B, who serves as chair of the commission. [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]

The 5 members must be residents of the State and appointed from the public. A person may not be appointed who is a Legislator at the time of appointment.

All members must be appointed for a term to coincide with the legislative biennium. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

The members of the commission are entitled to a per diem, expenses and allowances at the same rate as Legislators.

[1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]

2. Duties of commission. The commission must issue its first report no later than April 15, 1999. No later than January 1st of every even-numbered year thereafter, the commission shall submit to the Legislature a report of the commission. The report must contain:

- A. A description of the commission's activities; [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]
- B. The recommendations of the commission for all regular and special sessions of the next Legislature concerning:
 - (1) Compensation of Legislators and representatives of Indian tribes, including, but not limited to, all payments for: salaries, meals, housing, travel, mileage and all other expenses and allowances; additional service as President of the Senate, as Speaker of the House or as a member of leadership; and for constituent services; and
 - (2) Compensation for the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the State Auditor; [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]
- C. The reasons for its recommendations; [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]
- D. Drafts of any legislation required to implement its recommendations; and [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]
- E. Any other material and recommendations that commission members may wish to submit. [1997 , c. 506 , §1 (NEW) .]

Before reporting as required in this subsection and subsequent to giving public notice, the commission shall hold a public hearing on the report. Subsequent to reporting, the commission shall meet, if requested, with the Governor, the Legislative Council and legislative committees to discuss the report.

[1999 , c. 2 , §1 (AMD) .]

3. Appointments; meetings. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by the presiding officers once the appointment of the initial 4 members has been made. Within 15 days of the appointment of the initial 4 members, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission.

[1999, c. 2, §1 (AMD) .]

4. Staff assistance. The commission shall request staff assistance from the Legislative Council.

[1997, c. 506, §1 (NEW) .]

5. Legislation. The commission may submit legislation required to implement its recommendations.

[1999, c. 2, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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