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In Senate, March 24, 2015

An Act To Penalize Legislators for Excessive Absences

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and
Senators: EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HAMPER of Oxford, MASON of Androscoggin,
ROSEN of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York, Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray, CRAFTS of Lisbon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2**, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 2, §3, is amended by adding after
3 the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

4 A member of the Senate or House of Representatives may not be absent without
5 leave for more than 5 legislative days in the first regular session or for more than 3
6 legislative days in the second regular session. A member who violates this paragraph
7 must have the member's salary reduced by an amount as determined by the Legislative
8 Council for each legislative day of absence without leave.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires that a member of the Legislature be penalized by having that
11 member's salary reduced for each legislative day the member is absent without leave after
12 5 days of absence in the first regular session and after 3 days of absence in the second
13 regular session, in an amount to be determined by the Legislative Council.