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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1149, L.D. 1679, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor and the Salary of Legislators upon Reduction in the Size of the Legislature"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 361, Pt. B, §1, is further amended to read:

§1. Residence; office hours; secretary; salary

The Governor shall have his Governor's official residence at is located in Augusta during his the Governor's term of office, and the Governor shall keep his the Governor's office at the State House open for the transaction of the business of the State during all normal working hours of the State House.

In the absence of the Governor, his the Governor's private secretary shall be in attendance and the private secretary shall devote his the entire time to the duties of his the private secretary's office.

Until the first Wednesday of January 1987, the Governor shall receive receives an annual salary of \$35,000. Beginning the first Wednesday of January 1987, the Governor shall receive receives an annual salary of \$70,000. Beginning the first Wednesday of January 2019, the Governor receives an annual salary of \$150,000.

A former Governor may accept as a personal gift from the State at the end of his the Governor's final term the desk and chair used by that Governor as Governor.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It removes language from the bill that removes the requirement that the Governor keep the Governor's office at the State House. It also removes the section that increases the salaries of members of the Senate and House of Representatives by 25% if the number of members of the Senate is reduced to 25 or fewer and the number of members of the House of Representatives is reduced to 100 or fewer. It retains the section that increases the Governor's salary from \$70,000 per year to \$150,000 per year beginning January 2019.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**