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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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TO: Members of the 133rd Legislature

FROM: Suzanne M. Gresser, Executive Director

DATE: November 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Legislator Salary Payment Options - First Regular Session

Pursuant to 2023 Public Law Chapter 446, each legislator is entitled to receive a salary of \$25,000 in the first year, and \$20,000 in the second year, of each biennium. Thereafter, legislators' salaries are adjusted annually on December 1 to reflect the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recently concluded fiscal year, except the percentage change may not exceed 3% in any year.

Payroll deductions are made for items such as federal and state taxes, retirement contributions, and other authorized deductions. Legislators electing health, dental or vision benefits, or life insurance coverage, will receive direct billings from csONE and MainePERS, respectively.

The base annualized salary for the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature is \$26,522.52, or \$2,210.21 biweekly. The first salary payment will be issued on Wednesday January 13, 2027. The remaining 11 payments will be issued biweekly, with the final payment occurring on Wednesday June 16, 2027.

The estimated base annualized salary for the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature is \$21,218.00, or 8 biweekly payments of \$2,652.25. The amount is subject to change based on actual CPI for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Legislator Salary Payment Option

Effective January 1, 2026, 2025 Public Law Chapter 482, An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis, allows a legislator to choose to be paid the annual salary to which that legislator is entitled in approximately equal payments over that corresponding year of the biennium.

For the First Regular Session, Legislators who which to elect this option will have their salary divided across twenty-six (26) payrolls, with the last payroll occurring on Wednesday, December 29, 2027. **The biweekly salary amount will be \$1,020.10 for those electing to receive approximately equal payments during 2027, or \$918.09 for those who are also receiving social security and elected to equalize their pay prior to the start of the First Regular Session.** A legislator who wishes to choose this option must do so prior to the beginning of each regular session by the deadline reflected on the Legislator Payroll Option form.

Return this form **ONLY** if you are choosing to receive your annual salary across the entire year (26 payments), instead of across 12 biweekly payments at the beginning of the year.



LEGISLATOR SALARY PAYMENT OPTION REQUEST FOR PAYMENT 133rd Maine State Legislature

Pursuant to law, Legislators may choose to be paid the salary to which that legislator is entitled for each year across approximately equal payments over that corresponding year of the biennium. A legislator who wishes to choose this option must do so prior to the beginning of each regular session.

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I am a: ☐ State Senator ☐ State Representative

I would like to receive the salary to which I am entitled across ☐ 26 biweekly payrolls in 2027

Requested by: _____
Signature

Print Name Clearly: _____

Date: _____

Requests must be received in the Office of the Executive Director, State House Room 103, no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2026. Requests made after this date cannot be honored.

Signed forms may also be scanned and submitted by email to Eliza Tapin Jones and Dawna Lopatosky: eliza.taplinjones@legislature.maine.gov; dawna.lopatosky@legislature.maine.gov