



129<sup>TH</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEMO

To: Members of the Legislative Council  
From: Grant T. Pennoyer, <sup>AP</sup> Executive Director  
Date: December 6, 2018  
Re: Assignment of salaries for Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives

Another initial decision required of the Legislative Council once a new Legislature is convened is the establishment of the initial salary for a newly elected Secretary of the Senate and a newly elected Clerk of the House or authorizing a one-step salary increase for a previously elected Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. Provided below is the relevant text of 3 MRSA §162-A guiding the setting of salaries of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House:

*“Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the salaries of the following legislative officials are at the salary ranges indicated in this section. Except as provided below, at the time of initial appointment the salary of each of these officials may be set at Step A[Step 1] or Step B[Step 2], but no higher than Step B, of their respective ranges, except that any employees of the office of the Secretary of the Senate or the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives at the time of initial appointment must have their salary set at a step within their respective salary range so that no loss of gross pay is experienced by those employees. The Legislative Council may adjust the salary of each official by one step for each year of continuous service after the initial appointment to office.*

*The salary ranges shall be those established by the Legislative Council for Legislative staff. No other state salary may be paid to these officials.*

*1. Range 14. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 14:*

*Secretary of the Senate; and  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Since the Secretary of the Senate was previously elected as Secretary of the Senate in the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature and the Clerk of the House is reelected, the Legislative Council may authorize a one-step increase for the Clerk of the House and may authorize a one-step increase for the Secretary of the Senate from the step to which he was last assigned as Secretary of the Senate in the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.