

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Draft of H.P. 1092, L.D. 1439)  
(New Title)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1705

H.P. 1287

House of Representatives, May 26, 1983

Reported by Representative Soule from the Committee on Judiciary and  
printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Soule of Westport. Cosponsored  
by Representative Livesay of Brunswick.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Position of  
Counsel for the Maine Human Rights  
Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4566, sub-§3, as repealed and  
replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, §8, is amended to read:

3. Personnel. To appoint a full-time executive  
secretary and ~~chief compliance officer~~ counsel to the  
commission, not subject to the Personnel Law, and  
determine their remuneration; and to appoint, subject  
to the Personnel Law, other personnel including, but  
not limited to, investigators, attorneys, compliance  
personnel and secretaries, as it shall deem necessary  
to effectuate the purposes of this Act.;

1       Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are  
2 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
3 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
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5 <u>MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</u>		
6       Positions	(1)	(1)
7       Personal Services	\$20,926	\$29,238
8       All Other	<u>12,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
9       Total	\$32,926	\$45,238

10                               FISCAL NOTE

11       The bill contains an appropriation to support an  
12 already existing position and the "All Other" funds  
13 will be used to pay for litigation costs incurred on  
14 behalf of the commission by the office of the Attor-  
15 ney General and by the commission.'

16                               STATEMENT OF FACT

17       This new draft provides for the appointment of a  
18 commission counsel. The counsel provides the day-  
19 to-day legal advice required for the proper enforce-  
20 ment of the Maine Human Rights Act. Counsel also  
21 works with the office of the Attorney General in  
22 litigation matters involving the private sector and  
23 represents the commission in matters involving state  
24 agencies.

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