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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 440, L.D. 1022, "An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Maine Civil Legal Services Fund Z367

Initiative: Increases funding for the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund to support civil legal services for low-income and elderly persons in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,100,000	\$8,200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,100,000	\$8,200,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that the funding provided to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund is intended to support civil legal services for low-income and elderly persons in the State. The amendment also adjusts the amount of appropriations in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1022****LR 965(02)****An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'(5-99)****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,100,000	\$8,200,000	\$8,200,000	\$8,200,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,100,000	\$8,200,000	\$8,200,000	\$8,200,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Judicial Branch of \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$8,200,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to provide funding to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund to support civil legal services for low-income and elderly persons in the state.