

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 903

House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

**An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Designate Law  
Enforcement Officers Employed by the Department of the Secretary  
of State to Investigate Alleged Violations of Election Laws**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Robert B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §33**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 473, §2 and affected by §46, is amended to read:

**§33. Prosecution Investigation and prosecution of violations**

The Secretary of State shall designate sworn law enforcement officers employed by the Department of the Secretary of State to investigate alleged violations of the election laws. The Attorney General shall designate a Deputy Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General to ~~investigate~~ assist in the investigation of and to prosecute alleged violations of the election laws. This section does not preclude a district attorney from investigating and prosecuting election law violations.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the Secretary of State to designate sworn law enforcement officers employed by the Department of the Secretary of State to investigate alleged violations of the election laws. It also changes the current law to require the Attorney General to designate a Deputy Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General to assist in the investigation.