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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1141, L.D. 1706, "An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 5 Assistant Clerk positions effective February 1, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$177,550	\$451,012
All Other	\$30,145	\$5,150
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$207,695	\$456,162

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect February 1, 2026.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an effective date of February 1, 2026. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/23/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1706

LR 1955(02)

An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-458)

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	\$207,695	\$456,162	\$472,398	\$489,219
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$207,695	\$456,162	\$472,398	\$489,219

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Judicial Branch of \$207,695 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$456,162 in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish 5 assistant clerk positions, effective February 1, 2026, to implement the process of appointing defense counsel within 24 hours for an incarcerated accused person who is indigent.