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Honorable David J. Kennedy  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Kennedy:        Re: Charges for Legislative Documents

This office has been asked if charges may be made for Legislative Documents and if they may be, the method by which the charges may be instituted.

The 102nd Legislature by Public Laws 1965, Chapter 425, section 2-A, added a sentence to the first paragraph of Title 3 M.R.S.A. § 41. This new sentence reads, "All revenues received by the Document Clerk in the performance of his duties shall be credited to the General Fund." Obviously, the legislature intended that some charge should be made for Legislative Documents as that would appear to be the only source of revenue to be received by the Document Clerk. It is, therefore, concluded that charges may be made for Legislative Documents.

Title 3, M.R.S.A. § 41 provides also that the House of Representatives shall elect a Document Clerk. From this it must be concluded that the Document Clerk is an officer or employee of the House. His activities would be under direction of the House. Therefore, it must be concluded that the House of Representatives would be the appropriate body to determine what, if any, charges may be made for Legislative Documents. A House Order would be appropriate to set up charges and handling of Legislative Documents.

Very truly yours,

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