

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 863

S. P. 329

In Senate, February 15, 1967

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lund of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Providing for a Study for the Creation of a Full-time Prosecuting
Attorney System for the State of Maine.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, crime has increased in Maine as well as other sections of the United States; and

Whereas, there is an immediate need for a completely revised and full-time prosecuting system to cope with the increase in crime; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to properly service the criminal business of both the Superior Courts and the District Courts; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Creation of a full-time prosecuting attorney system study. The Attorney General is authorized to appoint a committee of not more than 10 persons representing the judiciary, the bar, the Legislature and the former or present county attorneys to study the desirability and feasibility of a full-time prosecuting attorney system.

The committee is authorized to employ such expert and professional advisors and counsel and such clerical and office personnel as in its judgment it may deem necessary within the limits of funds provided. The Attorney General shall serve as chairman of the committee.

The committee shall file a report of its findings with the 104th Legislature, or with any special session of the 103rd Legislature, together with its recommendations and proposed drafts of recommended legislation.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act and any balance of this fund as of June 30, 1968 shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be used for the same purpose until June 30, 1969.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.