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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 424

S. P. 142 In Senate, January 29, 1969 Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

STATE OF MAINE

AN ACT Relating to Powers and Duties of the Attorney General.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 199, repealed and replaced. Section 199 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 199. Attorney General; chief law enforcement officer of State

The Attorney General shall consult with and advise the county attorneys in matters relating to their duties. He may institute and conduct prosecutions for all crimes and offenses against the State of Maine. He may, in his discretion, act in place of or with the county attorneys, or any of them, in instituting and conducting prosecutions for crime, and is invested, for that purpose, with all the rights, powers and privileges of each and all of them. Any or all of the powers and duties enumerated in this section may, at the discretion of the Attorney General, be delegated to and performed by any deputy attorney general or any assistant attorney general. The authority given in this section shall not be construed to deny or limit the duty and authority of the Attorney General as heretofore authorized, either by statute or under the common law.