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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**AN ACT to Provide Funds to Assist County Attorneys in the Administration
of the Court System.**

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

Whereas, appropriate assistance is necessary to alleviate the heavy case loads of county attorneys throughout the State; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to avoid further overloading and the miscarriage of justice; 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of the Attorney General the sum of \$50,000 to provide upon request of a county attorney services of assistant attorneys general to prosecute criminal cases throughout the State. Any unexpended balance remaining at June 30, 1972 shall carry forward to June 30, 1973 to be expended for the same purposes.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide coordinated prosecutive assistance to the county attorneys throughout the State upon request by the respective county attorney to alleviate the heavy case loads.