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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snowe of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Increase the Salaries of County Attorneys and Assistant  
County Attorneys.**

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

Whereas, the volume of criminal cases, traffic misdemeanors and felonies, has increased greatly; and

Whereas, the State of Maine has an obligation to provide a speedy trial to those accused of crime; and

Whereas, the State of Maine employs attorneys-at-law to prosecute crime on behalf of the State; and

Whereas, the prosecution of crime takes an increasing amount of time on the part of county attorneys and assistant county attorneys; and

Whereas, the responsibilities of county attorneys cannot be delegated to any other agency; 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. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 2nd paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to

the county attorneys of Androscoggin County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,500~~ \$11,750; first assistant county attorney, ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,500; second assistant county attorney, ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,500;

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 3rd paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Aroostook County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,500~~ \$11,750; assistant county attorney, ~~\$5,500~~ \$8,500;

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 4th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Cumberland County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$10,000~~ \$15,000; first assistant county attorney, ~~\$7,000~~ \$8,500; second assistant county attorney, ~~\$7,000~~ \$8,500; third assistant county attorney, ~~\$7,000~~ \$8,500;

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 5th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorney of Franklin County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$7,000~~ \$9,000;

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 6th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Hancock County, is further amended to read as follows: county attorney, ~~\$8,500~~ \$11,750; assistant county attorney, ~~\$4,500~~ \$6,500;

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 7th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Kennebec County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$9,000~~ \$11,750; assistant county attorney, ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,500;

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 8th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorney of Knox County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney ~~\$7,500~~ \$11,750;

**Sec. 8. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 9th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorney of Lincoln County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$7,500~~ \$9,000;

**Sec. 9. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 10th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Oxford County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,000~~ \$11,750; assistant county attorney, ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,500;

**Sec. 10. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 11th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the County attorneys of Penobscot County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,000~~ \$11,750; first assistant county attorney, ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,500; second assistant county attorney, ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,500;

**Sec. 11. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 12th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorney of Piscataquis County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$7,000~~ \$9,000;

**Sec. 12. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 13th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorney of Sagadahoc County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$7,500~~ \$11,750;

**Sec. 13. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 14th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Somerset County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,000~~ \$11,750; assistant county attorney, ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,500;

**Sec. 14. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 15th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorney of Waldo County is further amended to read as follows: county attorney, ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,000;

**Sec. 15. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 16th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of Washington County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,500~~ \$11,750; assistant county attorney ~~\$4,500~~ \$6,500;

**Sec. 16. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** That part of the 17th paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which relates to the county attorneys of York County, is further amended to read as follows:

county attorney, ~~\$8,000~~ \$11,750; first assistant county attorney, ~~\$5,500~~ \$8,500; second assistant county attorney, ~~\$5,500~~ \$8,500;

**Sec. 17. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Attorney General the sum of \$727,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF			
County Attorneys' Salaries			
Personal Services	\$145,500	\$291,000	\$291,000

**Sec. 18. Effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be retroactive to January 1, 1973.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

An increased caseload with the State of Maine has substantially increased the amount of time that a county attorney and his assistants must spend in the performance of his duties. An increase in salaries must be had to more adequately compensate prosecutors for their efforts on behalf of the State of Maine.