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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2191

S. P. 760

In Senate, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Creating a Third Assistant County Attorney for Androscoggin
County.**

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

Whereas, the criminal caseload in Androscoggin County has greatly increased; and

Whereas, the responsibilities of the County Attorney and his assistants have greatly increased; and

Whereas, the County Attorney and his assistants are being called upon more frequently by law enforcement agencies to provide advice and assistance; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary for the orderly prosecution of the increased volume of criminal cases in Androscoggin County; 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 which relates to the county

attorneys in Androscoggin County, as amended, is further amended to read as follows :

county attorney, \$8,500; first assistant county attorney, \$6,000; second assistant county attorney, \$6,000; **third assistant county attorney, \$6,000;**

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 554, amended. The first sentence of section 554 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 407 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows :

The county attorney of the County of Androscoggin may appoint ~~2~~ **3** assistant county attorneys, ~~one to be known as first assistant county attorney and the other, one to be known as second assistant county attorney and the other to be known as third assistant county attorney~~ to be approved by a Justice of the Superior Court resident in said county or by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Attorney General the sum of \$6,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows :

	1973-74	1974-75
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
County Attorneys' salaries		
Personal Services	(1) \$3,000	(1) \$3,000

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Because of an increased caseload and demand for services of the county attorney's office in court and from law enforcement agencies, extra manpower is needed to adequately fulfill duties and responsibilities.