

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2462

H. P. 1927 House of Representatives, January 29, 1974
Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Provide for Secretarial Assistance to the
Members of the Legislature.**

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

Whereas, the secretarial pool presently available at the State House is not sufficient for the needs of 184 legislators; and

Whereas, the clerical help is used mainly by the leadership or committee chairmen to conduct the business of the Legislature and is rarely available for other legislators; and

Whereas, this legislation, which represents one of the recommendations of the Legislative Compensation Commission, would provide legislators with more adequate resources to perform constituent service functions; 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 General Fund to the Legislative Account the sum of \$12,000 to provide for a secretarial pool of 5 clerks to be available to Legislators for constituent business while the Legislature is in session.

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Legislative Expense
Personal Services

\$12,000

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 reflected in the title.