

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 535

S. P. 161

In Senate, February 5, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE**

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Meet Current Needs of Prosecutorial
District No. 2.**

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

Whereas, legislative funding of Prosecutorial District No. 2 is not sufficient for its current needs for Cumberland County; and

Whereas, increased criminal caseloads and the shortage of prosecutorial staff to process them have led to a financial crisis in the personnel budget; and

Whereas, other factors, such as the loss of federally funded legal assistance and assumption of the ASAP Program in June, 1975, must be considered for the coming year; 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 Department of Attorney General the sum of \$17,000 to carry out the purpose of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF

District Attorneys and Assistant District
Attorneys — Salaries
Personal Services

\$17,000

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 Act is reflected in the emergency preamble.