

# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

### **Legislative Document**

### No. 617

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Talbot of Portland.

## STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Increase the Salary of the Register of Probate of Cumberland County.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2, 4th ¶, which relates to the register of probate of Cumberland County, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 724, § 3, is further amended to read:

register of probate, \$9,820 \$14,000;

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1975.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will allow the register of probate an increase in his present salary, in order to compensate for the ever-rising cost of inflation, and to sufficiently compensate him for the loss on the surplus derived from the publication of notices which amounts to approximately \$3,000 per year. The reason for such a large amount for the publication of notices is due to the fact that the County of Cumberland covers approximately 20% of the population of the State of Maine. It is also noted that in most counties in the State the registers of probate and the judges receive the same salary and in some cases the register's salary exceeds that of the judge. It is also noted that in the County of Cumberland the position of the register is full-time, as his presence is demanded for services 5 days per week.