

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 628

H. P. 506

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Establish Salaries for Full-time District Attorneys Equal to the Salaries of Superior Court Justices.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2, 18th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 567, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The district attorneys for each of the prosecutorial districts, as described in section 553-A, shall receive as compensation an annual salary equal to that of Justices of the Superior Court.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Attorney General the sum of \$24,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

| | 1975-76 | 1976-77 |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| District Attorneys | | |
| Personal Services | \$8,000 | \$16,000 |

STATEMENT OF FACT

At the time the office of full-time District Attorney was created by the 106th Legislature, the salaries of the district attorneys were made equal to that of the Superior Court Justices. As the qualifications under the law were the same for both positions, it was thought that the compensation should be equal. Since the enactment of the District Attorney Act, changes have been made in Superior Court Justices' salaries and as there may be further changes in Superior Court Justices' salaries at this and future sessions of the Legislature, it is thought that this legislation will resolve the question of the parity of district attorneys' salaries in the manner originally intended.