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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1241

S. P. 386

In Senate, March 24, 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 to Provide Funds for the Attorney General to Assist District Attorneys in the Prosecution of Criminal Cases.

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

Whereas, appropriate assistance is necessary through the Attorney General to alleviate the criminal case loads of various prosecutorial districts throughout the State; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to avoid further overloading and to prevent a miscarriage of justice; 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 the Attorney General the sum of \$65,000 to provide for the Attorney General to give assistance to the District Attorneys throughout the State of Maine when he, the Attorney General, deems it in the best interest of the people in the State of Maine by providing service of the Assistant Attorneys General to prosecute criminal cases throughout the State. Any unexpended balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes.

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 stated in the emergency preamble.