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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2045

S. P. 644

In Senate, January 22, 1976

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Provide Funding for the 7th Justice
of the Supreme Judicial Court.**

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

Whereas, the regular session of the 107th Legislature, recognizing the need for an additional justice in order to speed the disposition of court appeals, authorized a 7th justice for the Supreme Judicial Court; and

Whereas, if a 7th justice is to be appointed quickly that position must be funded for fiscal year 1976-77; and

Whereas, it is vital that this proposed legislation be effective at the beginning of fiscal year 1976-77; and

Whereas, it is possible that fiscal year 1976-77 may begin before the expiration of 90 days after the adjournment of this special session; 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:

Supreme Judicial Court, appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Supreme Judicial Court for the fiscal year 1976-77 the sum of \$57,300 to be used to provide funding for the salary of the 7th Justice

of the Supreme Judicial Court authorized by the regular session of the 107th Legislature, together with funding of needed supportive personnel, services and supplies. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1976-77
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT	
Personal Services	(3) \$45,500
All Other	9,800
Capital Expenditures	2,000
	<hr/> \$57,300

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The number of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court was increased from 6 to 7 during the regular session and now a bill is needed to fund salaries for the justice, secretary and law clerk and to provide furniture, travel and other supplies for 1976-77.