

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Clarify Clerk Hire Procedures in County Government  
and to Provide for a Deputy Treasurer in York County.**

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 652 is enacted to read:

652. York County Deputy Treasurer; appointment

The Treasurer of York County may appoint a deputy treasurer without the approval of the York County Commissioners notwithstanding section 651. Such deputy treasurer shall receive an annual salary of \$7,800 from the county treasury in weekly payments. He shall assist the treasurer in performing the duties of his office and he shall give bond to the county for the faithful discharge of his duties in the same amount as the treasurer and with the same sureties as the treasurer. The premium of such bond shall be paid by the county.

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 801, first 2 sentences, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

In all county offices, the Legislature shall grant an amount for clerk hire. The county commissioners of the various counties shall provide in their budget, after receiving a recommendation from the respective county offices, including the district attorney serving the county, an amount for clerk hire which is necessary, just and proper for the performance of their duties.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 802 is enacted to read:

**§ 802. Appointment, promotion and termination**

The appointment, promotion and termination of employment of all clerks shall be at the discretion of the county officers, including the district attorney serving the county, under whom the clerks will be or are employees.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to clarify county clerk hire procedures by providing that funds allowed for this purpose will be approved by the Legislature as part of the county budget, and that county officials, including the district attorney, will receive an allocation of these funds sufficient to provide adequate clerical support. The bill will also clarify the authority of county officials to determine the members of their respective staffs.

The other purpose of this bill is to allow the York County Treasurer to have a deputy treasurer at a reasonable salary. The county treasurer position is a part-time position and a deputy treasurer is required to perform the many daily functions of the office. The treasurer cannot take a vacation or go about his business in a reasonably civilized manner. It is too much to ask a person to hold an office presumably part-time and then require his full-time presence. A deputy treasurer is clearly the proper and correct way to alleviate the problems of the treasurer and to provide for the efficient operation of the treasurer's office.