

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1196

H. P. 985

House of Representatives, March 23, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Human Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Investigative Personnel for the Maine Human Rights Commission.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Human Rights Commission the sum of \$35,000 for fiscal year 1977-78 for hiring 2 field investigators and one secretary and for supportive services. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78
MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION	
Personal Services	(3) \$30,000
All Other	5,000
Total	<hr/> \$35,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This special appropriation will give the Maine Human Rights Commission the funds it would have had from federal sources had Congress not limited the funds for the State and local programs of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The commission currently has \$50,000 and would have had \$84,000 of those federal funds.

Additional moneys will allow the commission to eliminate their backlog, reduce the completion time of an investigation from an average of 6 months to an average of 3 months. In addition, it will afford the commission the opportunity to staff field offices and in the long run, to reduce expenditures.