

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 361

In Senate, March 28, 1977

Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Merrill of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Compensation for District Attorneys.

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

**Sec. 1.** 30 MRSA § 2, 1st sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 735, § 21, is amended to read:

The county commissioners, county treasurers and their deputies, sheriffs, registers of deeds, judges of probate and registers of probate in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury in weekly or monthly payments as follows ~~except that the district attorneys and their assistants shall receive annual salaries from the State treasury in biweekly payments on a date to be determined by the State Controller~~ in a sum which will, in the year's aggregate most nearly equal the annual salary, as follows, and no other fees, costs or emoluments shall be allowed them, except as hereinafter provided:

**Sec. 2.** 30 MRSA § 2, 4th ¶ from the end, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 567, § 5, is repealed.

**Sec. 3.** 30 MRSA § 453, as amended by PL 1973, c. 567, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 453. Salaries**

1. **Annual salary.** The district attorney for each of the several prosecutorial districts shall receive annual salaries of \$26,000, effective January 1, 1978 and \$28,500, effective January 1, 1979.

2. **Bi-weekly payments.** District attorneys and their assistants shall receive annual salaries from the State Treasury in bi-weekly payments in a sum which will, in the year's aggregate most nearly equal the annual salary.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of the Attorney General the sum of \$104,000, for the fiscal year 1977-78 and the sum of \$218,000 for fiscal year 1978-79 to increase the salaries of the district attorneys and their assistants.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** The salary provisions in section 3 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 1978 and January 1, 1979.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to assure adequate compensation for district attorneys by providing an increase to meet increases in the cost of living, to retain experienced prosecutors, to foster the growth of prosecution as a career and to attract highly qualified individuals to seek and maintain interest in the position.