

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 579

H. P. 471

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

On Motion of Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus, referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Nelson of Roque Bluffs.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Authorize a District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys for
Washington County.**

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 553-A, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 567, § 19, is amended to read:

7. Prosecutorial District Number 7. There shall be one district attorney for Hancock ~~and Washington Counties~~ **County**, which shall be known as "Prosecutorial District Number 7." He shall be elected by the electors of Hancock ~~and Washington Counties~~ **County** in the manner set forth in section 451.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 553-A, sub-§ 9 is enacted to read:

9. Prosecutorial District Number 9. There shall be one district attorney for Washington County, which shall be known as "Prosecutorial District Number 9." He shall be elected by the electors of Washington County in the manner set forth in section 451.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 554-A, sub-§ 5, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 579, § E, § 5, is amended by inserting at the end the following:

Prosecutorial District 9 \$40,000

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
District Attorney and Assistant		
District Attorneys of Washington		
County		
Personal Services	\$33,187	\$66,374

Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1980.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes a district attorney and assistant district attorneys for Washington County and provides for equality in the funding allotted to Washington and Hancock Counties for assistant district attorneys.

The large area of Washington County, the rapid increase in violent crime in that county, the rapid increase in drug smuggling along Washington County's coastline and the presence of 2 Indian reservations in Washington County which require special care to be taken concerning the various statutes governing those reservations, all require a district attorney be assigned full time to Washington County.