

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 598

House of Representatives, February 23, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Provide a Full-time Investigator for Each District Attorney.**

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

Sec. 1. **30 MRSA § 555-B** is enacted to read:

**§ 555-B. Investigators**

**Each district attorney shall be allowed sufficient funds to ensure one full-time investigator to assist in the investigation of complaints and in other official duties assigned by that district attorney or by his designee.**

Sec. 2. **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		
Positions	(8)	(8)
Personal Services	\$62,000	\$124,000

These funds shall be used to provide one full-time investigator for each Prosecutorial District.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective January 1, 1980.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides one full-time investigator for each district attorney in the State and appropriates funds for that purpose. District Attorneys are overburdened in trying to investigate crimes and complaints and this bill will provide them some much needed assistance.