

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1497

H. P. 1249

House of Representatives, March 28, 1979

On Motion of Mrs. Kany of Waterville, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brodeur of Auburn.

Cosponsor: Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Authorizing Inclusion of the District Attorneys' Budgets in the Attorney General's Budget and Reducing County Payments for District Attorneys' Expenses.

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

30 MRSA § 555-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 579, § E-6, is amended by adding at the end 3 new paragraphs to read:

The Department of Attorney General may include in its expenditures estimates provided for inclusion in the state budget document, or in any requests for appropriation which it may present to the Legislature, items of expense to be provided to one or more district attorneys.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, in the fiscal year 1980-81, the total funds allowed by any county to any district attorney serving that county shall not exceed the total funds allowed for the district attorney in the preceding fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter the total funds allowed for the district attorney in that county shall be reduced by no less than 25% of the total funds allowed for the district attorney in the fiscal year 1979-80, until the total funds shall reach zero.

Beginning with the fiscal year 1984-85 all expenses for district attorneys shall be paid by the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that district attorneys' budget be gradually absorbed by the Attorney General's budget and to eliminate, over a period of time, county payment of district attorneys' budgets.