

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1576**

S. P. 510

In Senate, April 20, 1979

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, Chairman, Legislative Council.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide for the Codification and Indexing of State Agency Rules by the  
Secretary of State.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, agency rules are filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act; and

Whereas, these rules shall be submitted according to the standard form provided by that Act; and

Whereas, one of the purposes of that Act is to make the rules available to the public in an orderly codified indexed form; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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

**1979-80**

SECRETARY OF STATE,  
DEPARTMENT OF

Personal services	\$12,375
All Other	500

These funds are appropriated to assist the Secretary of State in the indexing and codification of state rules filed pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this Act shall become effective when approved.

**Fiscal Note**

This appropriation will provide funds to fund one position for one year to accomplish the purpose of this Act.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Agency rules are filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. These rules must be codified and indexed to assure orderly continued compliance with the Act as well as to assure public access to information and improved understanding of these rules.