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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-335)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 560, L.D. 634, Bill,
Relating
"AN ACT to and Increasing the Appropriation of Funds for
Assistant District Attorneys."

Amend the Bill by striking out section 2 and inserting
in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §554-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1979,
c. 542, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Salaries. Assistant district attorneys shall be
paid salaries set by the district attorney. Salaries for
full-time assistants shall not exceed ~~70%~~ 80% of the salary
designated for the district attorney. Salaries for part-time
assistants shall not exceed ~~40%~~ 50% of the salary designated
for the district attorney ~~or \$13,000, whichever is greater.~~
Salaries for assistant district attorneys shall be on an
annual basis and shall be paid in the same manner as is
provided for the payment of salaries for district attorneys.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out sections 3 and 4
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §554-A, sub-§5, as repealed and
^{last}
replaced by PL 1979, c. 663, §191, is repealed and the
following enacted in its place:

5. Compensation for assistant district attorneys. For
the compensation of assistant district attorneys, the district
attorneys shall be allowed annually sums up to the limit of

\$26,775 plus 40¢ for each person constituting the population of his district according to the latest Federal Decennial Census until June 30, 1982, and \$28,114 plus 42¢ for each person constituting the population of his district according to the latest Federal Decennial Census thereafter. In addition to the sums allowed in this section, funds shall be provided for fringe benefits for which other state employees are eligible.

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

	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	\$129,992	\$136,781

To provide an increase of funds available for salaries for assistant district attorneys by district as follows:

District 1	\$ 29,434	\$ 30,906
District 2	24,329	25,546
District 3	10,414	10,935
District 4	10,697	11,232
District 5	10,665	11,199
District 6	16,158	16,967
District 7	737	775
District 8	10,142	10,650
Fringe Benefits	<u>17,416</u>	<u>18,571</u>
	\$129,992	\$136,781'

Statement of Fact
amendment

The purpose of this | is to provide for uniformity of funding, salary increases and funds for new positions for assistant district attorneys throughout the State. If the

State is going to attract and retain qualified and experienced counsel to represent victims of crime and oversee the enforcement of law, it must show a willingness to compensate prosecutors at a level commensurate with the responsibility they bear. The appropriation contained in this amendment is in addition to the amount for assistant district attorneys' salaries contained in the current services bill, Legislative Document 218.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.
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