

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1284

S. P. 446

In Senate, March 13, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

Cosponsor: Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning Legislative Services.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 163, sub-§ 6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 166, as amended by PL 1975, c. 770, § 7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 166. Director of Legislative Assistance

The Director of Legislative Assistance, who shall be appointed by the Legislative Council without reference to party affiliation and solely on the grounds of fitness to perform the duties of his office, shall perform the following functions and duties:

1. **Committee assistance.** Provide research, analysis, bill drafting assistance for joint standing or select committees, other legislative agencies and as directed by the Legislative Council;

2. **Appointments.** Appoint, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant director, lawyers, research analysts and assistants and clerical assistants as may be necessary;

3. Direct and supervise. Assign, direct and supervise those appointed to carry out the functions and duties established in this section and as may be established by the Legislative Council or the Legislative Administrative Director;

4. Reports and legislation. Prepare narrative reports on matters referred to joint standing committees for review or study and prepare legislation to be introduced pursuant to those reports; and

5. Research services. Provide a comprehensive research service for Legislators, legislative joint standing or select committees and commissions and the Legislative Council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill conforms the statutory duties of the Legislative Assistants office to its duties in fact. It will better direct new Legislators and others to the office when they seek the services it provides.

It will provide a legal entity which can maintain committee and legislative records on behalf of the Legislature.