

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1425**

H. P. 1210

House of Representatives, March 20, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

Cosponsor: Representative Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT Relating to the Management of the Department of the Attorney General.**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 196, 5th sentence**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 67, Pt. F, § 1, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 196, last sentence**, as last amended by PL 1981, c. 67, Pt. F, § 2, is further amended to read:

**The Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the compensations of the staff attorneys, assistant attorneys general, deputy attorneys general, research assistants, business manager and secretary of the Attorney General shall be fixed by the Attorney General with the approval of the Governor**, but such compensations shall not be in the aggregate exceed the amount appropriated therefor and shall not result in an increased request to future Legislatures.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The effect of the bill is to provide to the Attorney General the authority to determine the salaries of his professional staff.

The bill will continue to limit the Attorney General to his annual appropriation

and will prohibit him from raising salaries if the effect of the raise would be to require increased personal services appropriations from future Legislatures.

The language of this bill is very similar to legislation offered by former Attorney General Richard S. Cohen.