

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1479

H. P. 1264

House of Representatives, March 26, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Increase the Salaries and the Limit of Compensation for the several District Attorneys.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 553-B, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 544, § 10, is amended to read:

1. **Annual salary.** The district attorney for each of the several prosecutorial districts, as described in section 553-A, shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$25,500~~ \$26,775 until June 30, 1982, and \$28,114 thereafter.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 553-B, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 544, § 10, is amended to read:

5. **Salary; exception.** In no event shall the salary of any district attorney exceed that of a Judge Justice of the District Superior Court.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	\$11,778	\$24,197

To provide a 5% salary increase for district attorneys.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a 5% salary increase for all district attorneys for each of the next 2 fiscal years, and to make the maximum compensation for a district attorney the same as that of a Justice of the Superior Court. Upon enactment of the full-time district attorney bill in 1973, the level of compensation was the same salary provided for Superior Court Justices and coincided with recommendations of the American Bar Association and the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Goals and Standards. This bill brings our statute back into conformity with that goal.