

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 844

S.P. 294

In Senate, March 20, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative THISTLE of Dover-Foxcroft,
Representative MCGOWAN of Canaan, Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Assure Access to Legal Assistance
2 by Residents of Rural Areas.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
7 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
8 of this Act.

9		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
10	<u>PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE,</u>		
11	<u>INCORPORATED</u>		
12	All Other	\$100,000	\$50,000

1 Funds to be used
2 to maintain and
3 expand legal as-
4 sistance to eligi-
5 ble rural citizens
6 through 6 existing
7 service offices.
8 Funds are de-
9 creased in the 2nd
10 year due to
11 aniticipated
12 availability of
13 funds through the
14 Maine Bar Founda-
15 tion Interest on
16 Lawyers' Trust Ac-
17 count Program and
18 other private
19 sources.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill provides funds to Pine Tree Legal As-
22 sistance to enable its offices to maintain and expand
23 capability to serve primarily rural areas while the
24 Maine Bar Foundation Program, IOLTA, which will raise
25 funds generated by the interest on lawyers' trust
26 funds, is brought on line.

27 Services to rural areas are in jeopardy because
28 of their higher costs and strains now placed on ex-
29 isting Pine Tree staff and resources by continued
30 funding deficits and uncertainty of funding sources.

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