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## (EMERGENCY) FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

# H.P. 1395 House of Representatives, October 5, 1987 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Received by the Clerk of the House on October 2, 1987. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 1,650 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock,

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## STATE OF MAINE

Representatives CARTER of Winslow and FOSTER of Ellsworth.

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

.2 3 4 5	AN ACT to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1988, and June 30, 1989.
7 8 9	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis- lature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
10 11 12 13 14	Whereas, the Judicial Department needs certain employees for the proper operation of the courts whose employment with the department will be terminated unless permanent positions are authorized and funded; and

1 2 3 4 5 6	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,	
7 8	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
9 10 11	<b>Appropriation.</b> The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.	
12	<u>1987-88</u> <u>1988-89</u>	
13	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	
14 15 16	Courts - Supreme, Su- perior, District and Administrative	
17 18	Positions (17) (17) Personal Services \$273,689 \$284,637	
19 20 21	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.	
22	STATEMENT OF FACT	
23 24 25 26 27	The Maine courts in 1986 experienced a record number of case filings - over 286,000 statewide. Case filings have increased over 20% in the last 2 years. In addition, many court cases are of increasing complexity, requiring more time and attention on the part of court personnel.	

In the last 2 years, the courts hired temporary staff in many locations to meet the increased work-load. It is apparent that the increased court case-load is not a temporary situation. Now that the Judicial Department, at the direction of the Legislature, is converting its personnel management records

the part of court personnel.

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)	1	to the same system as that used by the Executive	and
	2	Legislative Departments, permanent positions must	be
	3	authorized and funded by the Legislature or these	em-
	4	ployees will be terminated, resulting in delay	and
	5	denial of speedy justice to which the citizens	of
	6	Maine are entitled.	
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