

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 1203

H.P. 837

House of Representatives, March 20, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission
on Legal Needs.



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

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

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Pine Tree Legal Assistance		
12 All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
14 Provides increased staff to		
16 meet the goal of one attorney		
18 per 10,000 low-income		
20 residents of Maine and		
22 increased staff to improve		
24 access to civil legal		
26 services by rural residents		
28 of Maine.		
Bureau of Elder and Adult Services -		
Legal Services for the Elderly		
30 All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000
32 Provides 15 additional staff		
34 positions to meet increased		
36 demand for services by		
38 residents of Maine who are 60		
40 years of age or older and		
42 increased staff to improve		
44 access to civil legal		
46 services by rural residents		
48 of Maine.		
University of Maine School		
of Law		
50 All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
52 Provides one half-time		
54 faculty member at the		
56 University of Maine School of		
58 Law, to teach classes and		
60 supervise students at the		
62 Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic.		
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
TOTAL	<u>\$1,775,000</u>	<u>\$1,775,000</u>

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STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This bill implements the recommendations of the Maine
6 Commission on Legal Needs to the Legislature. To meet the legal
8 needs of the poor and ensure their continued access to justice,
10 this bill provides for increased staffing and increased salaries
12 for the State's civil legal services providers, such as Pine Tree
14 Legal Assistance, Legal Services for the Elderly and the
Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Maine School of
Law.

This bill also provides increased staffing and resources to
promote rural access to legal services provided by Pine Tree
Legal Assistance and Legal Services for the Elderly.