

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Allow Counties to Blanket Bond Part-time Deputy Sheriffs.**

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

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30-A MRSA §384, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8  
4 and 10, is further amended to read:

6 **§384. Chief deputy, deputies, bond; approval and**  
7 **filing**

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9 Before receiving a commission, every person appointed chief  
10 deputy under section 383, or appointed a deputy under section  
11 381, ~~must~~ shall give bond to the Treasurer of State with at least  
12 3 sufficient sureties, or with the bond of a surety company  
13 authorized to do business in this State as surety, in the sum  
14 required by the county commissioners of that county, conditioned  
15 for the faithful performance of the duties of that office. The  
16 bond of the chief deputy ~~and of each part-time deputy shall~~ must  
17 be filed and approved in the same manner as is required for the  
18 bond of a sheriff under section 372, subsection 2, and all of  
19 that subsection applies to these bonds. The county may furnish a  
20 bond for all full-time and part-time deputies, ~~which that~~  
21 complies with this section. That bond must be recorded in the  
22 county records and delivered to the State Auditor to be filed.

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25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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27 This bill allows counties to file a blanket bond to cover  
28 part-time deputy sheriffs. Under current law, a county, as part  
29 of its requirement to provide bond coverage for its sheriff and  
30 all its deputies, may "blanket bond" full-time deputies under one  
31 bond, but must file individual bonds for each part-time deputy.  
32 This bill would make the law consistent by applying the same  
33 standard for bond coverage to part-time deputies as it does to  
34 full-time deputies, while maintaining the same coverage for  
35 part-time deputies as individual bonds.  
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