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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P.
929, L.D. 2384, Bill, "An Act to Restructure State Government"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part D the following:

PART E

Sec. E-1. 5 MRSA §199-A is enacted to read:

§199-A. Bureau of Civil and Human Rights

1. Established. The Bureau of Civil and Human Rights is established under the control of the Attorney General.

Sec. E-2. Advocacy. It is the intent of the Legislature that, effective July 1, 1993, all personnel and responsibilities associated with the Public Advocate and with the client advocacy functions in the Executive Department regarding child welfare; in the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation regarding mental health and mental retardation; in the Department of Human Services regarding the elderly; and in the Department of Corrections regarding correctional inmates, be transferred to the Bureau of Civil and Human Rights in the Department of the Attorney General in order to provide for more effective and independent advocacy for the rights of these groups. The Attorney General shall submit the necessary implementing legislation to the Legislative Council no later than January 1, 1993.

2 **Sec. E-3. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Part takes effect
3 July 1, 1993.'

4 Further amend the amendment by relettering the Parts to read
5 consecutively.

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 This amendment may result in future savings as a result of
11 merging the advocacy functions of several agencies into a Bureau
12 of Civil and Human Rights within the Department of the Attorney
13 General. The amount of these potential savings can not be
14 determined at this time.

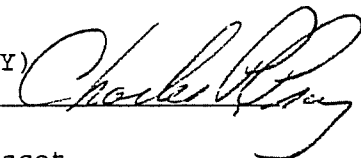
16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This amendment creates an Office of Civil and Human Rights
19 within the Attorney General's Office effective January 1, 1993.
20 The Attorney General is directed to submit to the Legislative
21 Council legislation that would transfer the Public Advocate and
22 other client advocacy services within the executive branch to the
23 new bureau.

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