

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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Legislative Document

No. 82

S.P. 53

In Senate, January 17, 1995

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**An Act to Increase the Limit on the Extradition Account.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HATHAWAY of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BENOIT of Franklin.

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §224-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 843, §11, is amended to read:

**1. Establishment.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is established an Extradition Account in each prosecutorial district in an amount not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000, to be administered by the district attorney and to be used solely for the purpose of paying the expenses of extraditing persons charged with or convicted of a crime in this State and who are fugitives from justice, as defined in section 201, subsection 4.

**Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §224-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 377, §7, is further amended to read:

**2. Funding.** The Extradition Account in each prosecutorial district is funded by bail forfeited to and recovered by the State pursuant to the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 46. Whenever bail is so forfeited and recovered by the State, the district attorney shall determine whether it or a portion of it is deposited in the Extradition Account for that district attorney's prosecutorial district, but in no event may the account exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000. Any bail so forfeited and recovered and not deposited in the Extradition Account must be deposited in the General Fund. Any unexpended balance in the Extradition Account of a prosecutorial district established by this section may not lapse but must be carried forward into the next year.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill increases the amount of money that district attorneys may spend in order to extradite persons who are fugitives from justice.