

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1152

H.P. 847

House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

An Act to Provide Legal Counsel for Legislative Committees.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin and
Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, KNEELAND of Easton, MADORE of Augusta,
MAILHOT of Lewiston, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, PARADIS
of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6 9. Legal representation. Notwithstanding the provisions of
8 Title 5, section 191, a committee may employ independent counsel
10 for legal representation of the committee provided the committee
12 has made a proposal to the Legislative Council stating the
14 reasons and terms for such employment and the Legislative Council
16 has agreed with the proposal.

18 **SUMMARY**

This bill allows a joint standing committee of the Legislature to employ independent legal counsel if the committee has made a proposal to the Legislative Council and the council has agreed to the proposal.