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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 354, L.D. 444, Bill, "An Act to Allow Washington County to Elect Its Own District Attorney"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first 2 indented paragraphs (page 1, lines 22 to 31 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment in the 3rd paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Further amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Amend'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2002-03

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF

District Attorneys Salaries

Positions	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$40,155

Provides funds for one additional District Attorney position due to the establishment of Prosecutorial District Number 9.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 4. Application and transition. This Act applies to elections beginning in calendar year 2002. The District Attorney for Prosecutorial District Number 7 on the effective date of this Act serves until the end of that term of office and the term of the District Attorney for Prosecutorial District Number 9 begins at the end of that term of office.'

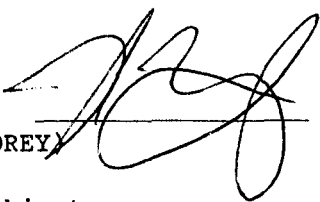
FISCAL NOTE

This amendment reduces the amount of the General Fund appropriations included in the bill. As amended with a transition and application section, the Department of the Attorney General will require an additional General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2002-03 of \$40,155. Future General Fund appropriations of approximately \$85,000 will be required beginning in fiscal year 2003-04 for the salary of the additional district attorney position.

This amendment also removes the mandate preamble from the committee amendment. It is uncertain whether the savings from reduced travel reimbursement will offset the additional costs incurred by Washington County and Hancock County associated with the establishment of a new prosecutorial district. If the State does not provide funding for 90% of any net additional costs incurred by these counties as a result of this state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, these counties may not be required to implement these changes.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the mandate preamble and appropriation section from the committee amendment. It adds a new appropriation section and provides that the provisions of the bill apply to elections beginning in calendar year 2002.

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