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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 517, L.D. 722, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Appointment of the Director of Investigations in the Office of the Attorney General"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Deleting Gender-specific and Archaic Language from Certain Laws Concerning the Office of the Attorney General'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §196, as amended by PL 1989, c. 410, §14, is further amended to read:

§196. Deputies and assistants; appointment and duties

The Attorney General may appoint one or more deputy attorneys general, assistant attorneys general and staff attorneys who shall serve during at the pleasure of the Attorney General or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. They may perform all the duties required of the Attorney General and such other duties as the Attorney General may-delegate delegates to them. The Attorney General may appoint such research assistants with such any powers and duties as the Attorney General may-delegate delegates. Research assistants may perform such duties as-may-be delegated to them by the Attorney General, including such activities as-are authorized by Title 4, section 807. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the eompensation compensations of research assistants, law office manager and deputy attorneys general shall-be are fixed by the Attorney General. The compensations of the staff attorneys,

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2 assistant attorneys general and secretary to the Attorney General
shall ~~be~~ are fixed by the Attorney General with the approval of
4 the Governor, but such compensations shall may not in the
aggregate exceed the amount appropriated ~~therefor~~ for those
6 positions and shall may not result in an increased request to
future Legislatures.

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever the
written approval of the Attorney General is required by statute
10 or court rule and the Attorney General either is unavailable to
act upon the matter or has determined that it would be legally or
12 ethically improper for ~~him~~ the Attorney General to do so, the
required approval may be given by a deputy attorney general
14 specifically authorized in writing by the Attorney General to act
on ~~his~~ the Attorney General's behalf in these situations.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill to contain only technical
changes to the laws governing the appointment of personnel by the
Attorney General. It corrects gender-specific language and
removes archaic language. All other provisions of the bill are
deleted and the bill title is amended accordingly.