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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 SENATE
6 123RD LEGISLATURE
7 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

8 SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 574,
9 L.D. 1630, Bill, "An Act To Address an Inequity in the Judicial Retirement System"

10 Amend the amendment in section 1 in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 23 in
11 amendment) by striking out the following: "judge" and inserting the following: 'sitting
12 judge as of June 30, 2005'

13 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

14 'Sec. 4. Personal Services funds carried forward. Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, up to \$75,000 in unencumbered balance of Personal Services in the
16 Judicial Department's General Fund account in fiscal year 2006-07 does not lapse and
17 may be carried forward into fiscal year 2007-08.

18 Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
19 allocations are made.

20 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

21 Courts - Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative 0063

22 Initiative: Appropriates funds for the increase in the employers' contribution due to the
23 provision that allows judges to include as earnable compensation imputed salary based
24 upon cost-of-living adjustments that were not funded in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal
25 year 2004-05.

26	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
27	Personal Services	\$188,147	\$195,672
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29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$188,147	\$195,672

30 Courts - Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative 0063

31 Initiative: Deappropriates, on a one-time basis, funds no longer needed in the 2008-09
32 biennium.

SENATE AMENDMENT

2008

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 574, L.D. 1630

1	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
2	Personal Services	(\$188,147)	(\$195,672)
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$188,147)	(\$195,672)
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment provides clarifying language regarding eligible judges, authorizes
8 Personal Services funds to carry forward into fiscal year 2007-08 and offsets the General
9 Fund costs in the 2008-2009 biennium with one-time deappropriations from the Judicial
10 Department.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 (See attached)

13 **SPONSORED BY:**

14 (Senator ROTUNDO)

15 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1630

LR 2477(04)

An Act To Address an Inequity in the Judicial Retirement System

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$223,984)	(\$233,943)	(\$38,764)	(\$40,315)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$223,984)	(\$233,943)	(\$38,764)	(\$40,315)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$223,984 in fiscal year 2007-08, \$233,943 in fiscal year 2008-09, \$38,764 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$40,315 in fiscal year 2010-11.

As amended, this bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$188,147 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$195,672 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Judicial Department for the increase in the employers' retirement contributions due to the provision that allows judges to include as earnable compensation imputed salary based upon cost-of-living adjustments that were not funded in 2003 and 2004. These costs are offset in in the 2008-2009 biennium by deappropriations from the Judicial Department's budget.

This fiscal note assumes that the one-time cost of \$1,138,653 to the Maine State Retirement System for the unfunded liability cost of the provision described above will be paid from surplus funds available in the Judicial Retirement System. As of the June 30, 2006 valuation, the Judicial Retirement System had a surplus in the amount of \$1,248,240. The surplus funds are currently used to reduce the overall employer contribution rate.