

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 350

In Senate, March 14, 2013

**An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Staff in the Office of the  
Attorney General**

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Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §196, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 154, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 The Attorney General may appoint one or more deputy attorneys general, assistant  
5 attorneys general and staff attorneys who serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General or  
6 until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. They may perform all the duties  
7 required of the Attorney General and other duties the Attorney General delegates to them.  
8 The Attorney General may appoint research assistants with any powers and duties the  
9 Attorney General delegates. Research assistants may perform duties delegated to them by  
10 the Attorney General, including activities authorized by Title 4, section 807.  
11 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the compensations of assistant attorneys  
12 general, staff attorneys, research assistants, law office manager, secretary to the Attorney  
13 General and deputy attorneys general are fixed by the Attorney General. ~~The~~  
14 ~~compensations of the staff attorneys, assistant attorneys general and secretary to the~~  
15 ~~Attorney General are fixed by the Attorney General with the approval of the Governor,~~  
16 ~~but such compensations may not in the aggregate exceed the amount appropriated for~~  
17 ~~those positions and may not result in an increased request to future Legislatures.~~

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill eliminates the requirement that salaries set by the Attorney General for the  
20 assistant attorneys general, staff attorneys and secretary to the Attorney General be  
21 approved by the Governor and that the aggregate amount of such compensation not  
22 exceed the amount appropriated or result in an increased request to future Legislatures.