

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**129TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 243, L.D. 807, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Duties of the Public Advocate"

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: Provides an allocation to fund additional staff activities related to the expansion of the Office of the Public Advocate's duties in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and other state and federal agencies and courts.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$75,624	\$75,624
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$75,624</u>	<u>\$75,624</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill. It provides an allocation to fund additional staff activities related to the expansion of the Office of the Public Advocate's duties in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and other state and federal agencies and courts.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 807

LR 1592(02)

## An Act Regarding the Duties of the Public Advocate

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)

Committee: Energy Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes language that prohibits the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) from intervening in any proceedings in which the Public Utilities Commission is representing a position substantially similar to that of the Public Advocate. This removal allows the OPA to participate in additional proceedings. The bill includes annual allocations for the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund of \$75,624 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to fund additional staff activities related to the proceedings.

Because the OPA is funded by an assessment set to produce sufficient revenue for the expenditures allocated by the Legislature for operating the OPA, any increased allocations require a corresponding increase in revenue to the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund from the assessment on the intrastate gross operating revenues of utility and qualified telecommunications providers.