

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

5 **Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

6 Initiative: Increases funding for civil legal services for persons unable to afford a lawyer
7 by providing additional funds available for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund
8 Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 18-A, subsection 1.

9	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
10	All Other	\$8,300,000	\$14,000,000
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,300,000</u>	<u>\$14,000,000</u>

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides an ongoing appropriation to the Judicial Department for civil legal
15 services. The funding supplements existing revenue from surcharges on certain filing fees
16 and fines for certain violations that is distributed by determination of the Civil Legal
17 Services Fund Commission.