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has produced unacceptable inequities that can be corrected only with legislation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §272, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

4. Deputy district attorney. Each district attorney may designate one full-time assistant district attorney or, if there is no full-time assistant district attorney, one part-time assistant district attorney to be the deputy district attorney. In the absence of the district attorney, the deputy shall act in the district attorney's place and ~~shall have~~ has the authority, duties and responsibilities of the district attorney. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any full-time assistant district attorney designated as a deputy district attorney may receive a salary up to 90% of the salary designated for the district attorney.~~

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 40

S.P. 230 - L.D. 596

An Act to Expand the Uses of the Economic Opportunity Fund

Emergency preamble. **Whereas**, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the current scope of the Economic Opportunity Fund limits the type of economic development activities that can be supported with the fund; and

Whereas, numerous nonprofit and regional organizations exist in the State that provide needed economic development services to businesses and communities throughout the State; and

Whereas, the current limitations of the fund prevent the State from utilizing the fund to leverage

federal grants for economic development purposes; and

Whereas, the effectiveness of the fund could be increased by allowing organizations to expand funds through grants to business entities and by allowing use of funds to leverage federal grant funds; and

Whereas, federal funds already approved and received by the State for the purpose of stimulating economic development will be jeopardized without immediate expansion of the scope of the fund to allow more flexible use of funds; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Local and regional organizations. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, for fiscal years 1994-95 and 1995-96 the department, upon application, may provide grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations up to a total amount of \$200,000 for the 2 years combined. Funds may be loaned to a private business entity or expended in a manner that is approved by the department and offers the prospect of stimulating economic growth. This subsection is repealed July 1, 1996.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 41

S.P. 95 - L.D. 235

An Act to Provide the Maine Legislature with Additional Financial Information

Emergency preamble. **Whereas**, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature lacks electronic access to the budget management system; and