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**STATE OF MAINE  
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132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 440, L.D. 1022, “An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes”

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

**'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Maine Civil Legal Services Fund Z367**

Initiative: Increases funding for the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund to support civil legal services for low-income and elderly persons in the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,100,000	\$8,200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,100,000</b>	<b>\$8,200,000</b>

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that the funding provided to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund is intended to support civil legal services for low-income and elderly persons in the State. The amendment also adjusts the amount of appropriations in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**