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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1255, L.D. 1686, “An Act To Implement a Geographically Limited Public Defender Office”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish Public Defender Positions and Provide Support for Indigent Legal Services Providers' '

Amend the amendment by striking out the first paragraph after the title (page 1, line 11 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 419, §2, is amended to read:

F. Standards for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel and contract counsel, including attendance at training events provided by the commission; and

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

**INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

Initiative: Establishes one District Defender position (Elected DA-equivalent Grade 90), 2 Assistant Defender I positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 38) and 2 Assistant Defender II positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 30), to be dispatched in the State where needed, and provides for their ancillary costs and meals and travel expenses.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$704,482
All Other	\$0	\$261,415
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$965,897

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 **Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

2 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for a contract for online legal research access to be
3 provided to up to 300 rostered attorneys and for annual reimbursement for written legal
4 materials purchased by attorneys.

5	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
6	All Other	\$0	\$275,580
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$275,580</u>

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10 **INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE**
11 **COMMISSION ON**
12 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

13		2021-22	2022-23
14	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,241,477
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16	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,241,477</u>

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18 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.
19 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
20 section number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A." The amendment:

- 23 1. Adds attendance at training events to the standards governing the delivery of indigent
24 legal services;
- 25 2. Establishes public defender positions to be dispatched in the State where needed;
26 and
- 27 3. Provides money for legal research by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal
28 Services attorneys.

29 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

30 (Senator BREEN, C.)

31 **COUNTY: Cumberland**