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130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1256, L.D. 1687, “An Act To Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the cost of changing the salary range of the executive director from 52 to 37.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$9,152	\$9,152
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,152</u>	<u>\$9,152</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Provides additional funding to reflect projected costs of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,804,980	\$2,804,980
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,804,980</u>	<u>\$2,804,980</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Establishes and appropriates funds for 4 Public Service Manager II positions and 2 Paralegal positions to lead and staff the attorney supervision subdivision and the auditing subdivision. Also provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000

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1	Personal Services	\$670,116	\$691,559
2	All Other	\$47,073	\$27,573
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$717,189</u>	<u>\$719,132</u>
5	Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112		
6	Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase reimbursement for indigent legal services from		
7	\$60 per hour to \$80 per hour.		
8	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
9	All Other	\$5,732,980	\$5,732,980
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,732,980</u>	<u>\$5,732,980</u>
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13	INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE		
14	COMMISSION ON		
15	DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
16		2021-22	2022-23
17	GENERAL FUND	\$9,264,301	\$9,266,244
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19	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$9,264,301</u>	<u>\$9,266,244</u>

20 '
 21 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 22 number to read consecutively.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It retains the funding for the
 25 increase in the salary range for the executive director, raises the reimbursement rate from
 26 \$60 to \$80 per hour, fully funds the projected costs and funds the basic central office staff
 27 of 6 additional positions for supervision and auditing.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 29 **(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT