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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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 sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,152	\$9,152

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase reimbursement for indigent legal services from \$60 per hour to \$80 per hour.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,732,980	\$5,732,980
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,732,980	\$5,732,980

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
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1	All Other	\$2,804,980	\$2,804,980
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,804,980</u>	<u>\$2,804,980</u>
4	Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112		
5	Initiative: Establishes and appropriates funds for 4 Public Service Manager II positions and		
6	2 Paralegal positions to lead and staff the attorney supervision subdivision and the auditing		
7	subdivision. Also provides funding for All Other costs.		
8	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
9	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
10	Personal Services	\$670,116	\$691,559
11	All Other	\$47,073	\$27,573
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$717,189</u>	<u>\$719,132</u>
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15	INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE		
16	COMMISSION ON		
17	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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19	GENERAL FUND	\$9,264,301	\$9,266,244
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21	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$9,264,301</u>	<u>\$9,266,244</u>

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

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It deletes the subpoena power
 27 the bill authorizes the executive director of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal
 28 Services to exercise. It retains the funding for the increase in the salary range of the
 29 executive director, the increase in the reimbursement rate for indigent legal services from
 30 \$60 to \$80 per hour, the funding for projected costs of the commission and the funding for
 31 6 additional central office staff positions for supervision and auditing.

32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

33 **(See attached)**

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