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House of Representatives, January 9, 2014

**An Act To Improve the Operations of the Office of the Attorney
General**

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DeCHANT of Bath, KESCHL of Belgrade.

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

3 **Whereas,** services contracted for by the Office of the Attorney General need to be
4 paid for prior to the end of fiscal year 2013-14, which will likely fall within the 90-day
5 period; and

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

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

11 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
12 allocations are made.

13 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

14 **Administration - Attorney General 0310**

15 Initiative: Establishes one Research Assistant position to function as a trial preparation
16 assistant in the Criminal Division.

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18 GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
19 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
20 Personal Services	\$0	\$65,996
21 All Other	\$0	\$4,519
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23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$70,515</u>

24 **Administration - Attorney General 0310**

25 Initiative: Establishes one part-time Research Assistant position to serve as the Domestic
26 Abuse Homicide Review Panel Coordinator.

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28 GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
29 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.500
30 Personal Services	\$0	\$30,990
31 All Other	\$0	\$8,164
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33 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$39,154</u>

34 **Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

35 Initiative: Provides funds for statutorily authorized payments to medical examiners and
36 reimbursements to funeral homes.

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1	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

5 **Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

6 Initiative: Provides funds for contracted forensic pathologist services.

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8	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
9	All Other	\$47,000	\$64,000
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$47,000</u>	<u>\$64,000</u>

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
13 legislation takes effect when approved.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill funds a position within the Office of the Attorney General as well as a
16 part-time position to serve as the Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel Coordinator.
17 Additionally, this bill appropriates funds necessary to allow the Office of the Chief
18 Medical Examiner to provide for statutorily authorized payments to medical examiners,
19 reimbursement to funeral homes and funds for contracted forensic pathologist services
20 necessary for the operation of the office.