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**STATE OF MAINE
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126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1720, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Operations of the Office of the Attorney General”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funds for contracted forensic pathologist services and histological laboratory services.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$57,000	\$84,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$57,000</u>	<u>\$84,000</u>

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

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

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

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Establishes one part-time Assistant District Attorney position in Prosecutorial
 2 District Number 4 for domestic violence prosecutions.

3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
4	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.500
5	Personal Services	\$0	\$42,045
6	All Other	\$0	\$1,485
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$43,530

9	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
10	THE		
11	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
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13	GENERAL FUND	\$107,000	\$134,000
14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$43,530
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16	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$107,000	\$177,530
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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment deletes from the bill the proposed funding for a trial preparation
 20 assistant in the Criminal Division within the Office of the Attorney General and a part-
 21 time position to serve as the Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel Coordinator.

22 The amendment increases the proposed funding to the Office of the Chief Medical
 23 Examiner within the Office of the Attorney General by \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014 and
 24 \$20,000 in fiscal year 2015 to cover the anticipated costs of preparing histological slides.

25 The amendment provides funding for one half-time Assistant District Attorney
 26 position to handle domestic violence prosecutions that will be funded through a grant
 27 secured by Prosecutorial District Number 4.

28 The amendment retains the provision in the bill that appropriates funds necessary to
 29 allow the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to provide for statutorily authorized
 30 payments to medical examiners and reimbursements to funeral homes.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 **(See attached)**