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132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 63, L.D. 16, “An Act to Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine”

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

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §254, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6 and c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

7. Prosecutorial District Number 7. There ~~shall be~~ is one district attorney for Hancock and Washington Counties, which ~~shall is to~~ be known as "Prosecutorial District Number 7." The district attorney ~~shall~~ must be elected by the voters of Hancock and Washington Counties in the manner set forth in section 251.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2027.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §254, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Prosecutorial District Number 7. Beginning January 1, 2027, there is one district attorney for Hancock County, which is to be known as "Prosecutorial District Number 7." The district attorney must be elected by the voters of Hancock County in the manner set forth in section 251.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §254, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Prosecutorial District Number 9. Beginning January 1, 2027, there is one district attorney for Washington County, which is to be known as "Prosecutorial District Number 9." The district attorney must be elected by the voters of Washington County in the manner set forth in section 251.

Sec. 4. Prosecutorial District Number 9; district attorney. The first district attorney for Prosecutorial District Number 9 must be elected in the manner set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 251 in an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 2026.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides funding to reorganize one Prosecutor position to a District Attorney position in Washington County effective January 1, 2027.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$27,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$27,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, separates Washington County from Prosecutorial District Number 7 and creates a new Prosecutorial District Number 9 for Washington County, effective January 1, 2027. The amendment requires an election for the district attorney for Prosecutorial District Number 7 to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 2026. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section funding the conversion of one existing prosecutor position to a district attorney position for Washington County.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)