

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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S.P. 492 - L.D. 1557

An Act To Adjust the Staffing and Resources of the Office of the Public Advocate**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §116, sub-§8, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 259, §3, is further amended to read:

B. The Public Advocate may use the revenues provided in accordance with this section to fund the Public Advocate and 9 ~~10~~ employees and to defray the costs incurred by the Public Advocate pursuant to this Title, including administrative expenses, general expenses, consulting fees and all other reasonable costs incurred to administer this Title.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1701, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. P, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Salaries of certain employees. The salaries of the following employees of the Public Advocate are within the following salary ranges:

- A. Deputy Public Advocate, salary range 53;
- B. Senior Counsel, salary range 36;
- ~~D. Research Assistant, salary range 30;~~
- E. Business Services Manager, salary range 26; ~~and~~
- F. Special Assistant to the Public Advocate, salary range 20; ~~and~~ and
- G. Economic Analyst, salary range 36.

The employees listed in this subsection serve at the pleasure of the Public Advocate and are confidential employees. All other employees of the Public Advocate are subject to the Civil Service Law.

The Public Advocate may compensate one or more Senior Counsels at salary range 37 if, in the judgment of the Public Advocate, an increase is necessary to provide competitive salary levels.