

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

H.P. 1255 - L.D. 1686

**An Act To Establish Public Defender Positions and Provide Support for
Indigent Legal Services Providers**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 419, §2, is amended to read:

F. Standards for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel and contract counsel, including attendance at training events provided by the commission; and

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Establishes one District Defender position (Elected DA-equivalent Grade 90), 2 Assistant Defender I positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 38) and 2 Assistant Defender II positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 30), to be dispatched in the State where needed, and provides for their ancillary costs and meals and travel expenses.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$704,482
All Other	\$0	\$261,415
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$965,897

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for a contract for online legal research access to be provided to up to 300 rostered attorneys and for annual reimbursement for written legal materials purchased by attorneys.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$275,580

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$275,580</u>
INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,241,477
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,241,477</u>