

Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	62.500	62.500	62.500	62.500
Personal Services	\$7,139,512	\$7,414,058	\$7,849,172	\$8,157,383
All Other	\$817,987	\$814,300	\$814,300	\$814,300
Capital Expenditures	\$43,563	\$36,958	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,001,062	\$8,265,316	\$8,663,472	\$8,971,683

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,085,683	\$1,137,274	\$1,175,594	\$1,219,492
All Other	\$270,609	\$257,242	\$257,242	\$257,242
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,356,292	\$1,394,516	\$1,432,836	\$1,476,734

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	51.500	51.500	51.500	51.500
Personal Services	\$7,191,988	\$7,498,455	\$7,453,349	\$7,782,709
All Other	\$941,892	\$935,522	\$735,522	\$735,522
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,133,880	\$8,433,977	\$8,188,871	\$8,518,231

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Secretary Associate Legal position dedicated to the Natural Resources Division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 394

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,625	\$77,388
All Other	\$6,171	\$6,290
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$79,796	\$83,678

Justification:

Current personnel levels have one paralegal position supporting 9 Assistant Attorneys General, with many of those litigators absorbing their own administrative support functions. This position would take on those administrative functions, freeing up time for those attorneys to handle increased litigation needs for the Natural Resources agencies. Natural Resources agencies receiving the services of this position have agreed to its funding.

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Reduces one-time funding by returning a leased Central Fleet Vehicle.

Ref. #: 396 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$6,000)	(\$6,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,000)	(\$6,000)

Justification:

This initiative reduces funding by returning a state leased vehicle to Central Fleet Management.

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Assistant Attorney General position dedicated to Workers' Compensation litigation and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 397 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,682	\$114,891
All Other	\$9,470	\$9,635
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$119,152	\$124,526

Justification:

This initiative requests the creation of a Workers' Compensation legal team within the Office of the Attorney General. Workers' compensation litigation had historically been handled by the Office, but was transferred to outside counsel. Analysis shows that returning the work to State resources could save over \$100,000 annually.

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Paralegal position dedicated to Workers' Compensation litigation and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 399 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,851	\$80,150
All Other	\$6,273	\$6,377
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$83,124	\$86,527

Justification:

This initiative requests the creation of a Workers' Compensation legal team within the Office of the Attorney General. Workers' compensation litigation had historically been handled by the Office, but was transferred to outside counsel. Analysis shows that returning the work to State resources could save over \$100,000 annually.

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Secretary Legal position dedicated to Workers' Compensation litigation and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 401 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$68,586	\$72,080
All Other	\$6,012	\$6,122
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$74,598	\$78,202

Justification:

This initiative requests the creation of a Workers' Compensation legal team within the Office of the Attorney General. Workers' compensation litigation had historically been handled by the Office, but was transferred to outside counsel. Analysis shows that returning the work to State resources could save over \$100,000 annually.

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

Ref. #: 403 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$19,778	\$19,778
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,778	\$19,778

Ref. #: 404 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$3,413	\$3,413
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,413	\$3,413

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$19,901	\$19,901
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,901	\$19,901

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

**ADMINISTRATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0310
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	62.500	62.500	62.500	62.500
Personal Services	\$7,139,512	\$7,414,058	\$7,849,172	\$8,157,383
All Other	\$817,987	\$814,300	\$828,078	\$828,078
Capital Expenditures	\$43,563	\$36,958	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,001,062	\$8,265,316	\$8,677,250	\$8,985,461

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,085,683	\$1,137,274	\$1,175,594	\$1,219,492
All Other	\$270,609	\$257,242	\$260,655	\$260,655
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,356,292	\$1,394,516	\$1,436,249	\$1,480,147

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	51.500	51.500	55.500	55.500
Personal Services	\$7,191,988	\$7,498,455	\$7,782,093	\$8,127,218
All Other	\$941,892	\$935,522	\$783,349	\$783,847
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,133,880	\$8,433,977	\$8,565,442	\$8,911,065

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,621,730	\$1,679,300	\$1,769,892	\$1,826,762
All Other	\$808,096	\$814,096	\$814,096	\$814,096
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,429,826	\$2,493,396	\$2,583,988	\$2,640,858

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$62,243	\$65,096	\$70,591	\$73,963
All Other	\$280,649	\$277,796	\$277,796	\$277,796
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$342,892	\$342,892	\$348,387	\$351,759

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Reduces one-time funding for contract services by disencumbering a contract for autopsy services.

Ref. #: 424

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)

Justification:

This initiative reduces funding for contracted services by disencumbering a contract for autopsy services. The Office of the Attorney General's contracted provider is not allowing the Office of Chief Medical Examiner autopsies to be completed during the pandemic, and the pathologist performing the service will be retiring.

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Reduces one-time funding by returning a state leased vehicle to Central Fleet Management.

Ref. #: 425

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
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GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$3,993	\$3,993
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,993	\$3,993

Ref. #: 429

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$602	\$602
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$602	\$602

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

**CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER - OFFICE OF 0412
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,621,730	\$1,679,300	\$1,786,870	\$1,843,833
All Other	\$808,096	\$814,096	\$805,531	\$805,531
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,429,826	\$2,493,396	\$2,592,401	\$2,649,364

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$62,243	\$65,096	\$70,591	\$73,963
All Other	\$280,649	\$277,796	\$278,398	\$278,398
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$342,892	\$342,892	\$348,989	\$352,361

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003	\$185,003

Civil Rights 0039

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$172,331	\$177,908	\$186,111	\$195,199
All Other	\$94,671	\$96,671	\$96,671	\$96,671
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$267,002	\$274,579	\$282,782	\$291,870

Civil Rights 0039

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

Ref. #: 376

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$584	\$584
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$584	\$584

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

**CIVIL RIGHTS 0039
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$172,331	\$177,908	\$186,111	\$195,199
All Other	\$94,671	\$96,671	\$97,255	\$97,255
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$267,002	\$274,579	\$283,366	\$292,454

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	97.500	97.500	97.500	97.500
Personal Services	\$12,255,825	\$13,203,037	\$12,844,650	\$13,428,326
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,255,825	\$13,203,037	\$12,844,650	\$13,428,326
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$646,905	\$699,575	\$641,723	\$672,731
All Other	\$41,483	\$41,483	\$41,483	\$41,483
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$688,388	\$741,058	\$683,206	\$714,214
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$136,380	\$147,756	\$157,751	\$165,417
All Other	\$11,157	\$11,157	\$11,157	\$11,157
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$147,537	\$158,913	\$168,908	\$176,574

**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS SALARIES 0409
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	97.500	97.500	97.500	97.500
Personal Services	\$12,255,825	\$13,203,037	\$12,844,650	\$13,428,326
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,255,825	\$13,203,037	\$12,844,650	\$13,428,326
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$646,905	\$699,575	\$641,723	\$672,731
All Other	\$41,483	\$41,483	\$41,483	\$41,483
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$688,388	\$741,058	\$683,206	\$714,214
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$136,380	\$147,756	\$157,751	\$165,417
All Other	\$11,157	\$11,157	\$11,157	\$11,157
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$147,537	\$158,913	\$168,908	\$176,574

FHM - Attorney General 0947

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,826	\$147,220	\$109,765	\$115,063
All Other	\$20,860	\$20,860	\$20,860	\$20,860
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$161,686	\$168,080	\$130,625	\$135,923

FHM - Attorney General 0947

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

Ref. #: 443

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

		2021-22	2022-23
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE			
All Other		\$304	\$304
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL		\$304	\$304

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

FHM - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0947

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,826	\$147,220	\$109,765	\$115,063
All Other	\$20,860	\$20,860	\$21,164	\$21,164
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$161,686	\$168,080	\$130,929	\$136,227

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	80.000	80.000	80.000	80.000
Personal Services	\$9,017,898	\$9,399,196	\$9,217,581	\$9,647,307
All Other	\$1,367,431	\$1,359,415	\$1,359,415	\$1,359,415
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,385,329	\$10,758,611	\$10,576,996	\$11,006,722

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Continues one part-time Research Assistant MSEA-B position, 40 hours biweekly dedicated to the Child Support Division and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position was continued by Financial Order 001105 F1.

Ref. #: 432

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$38,565	\$40,214
All Other	\$5,063	\$5,115
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$43,628	\$45,329

Justification:

This initiative requests to continue one part-time Research Assistant MSEA-B position assigned to the Human Services Division. The position was continued by Financial Order 001105 F1. The part-time position will be assigned to the Child Protective Division, with funding from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Increases in child protective cases filed in court has led to additional need for Assistant Attorneys Generals' time and related support staff to effectively address the child welfare backlog and support the increased filings. As a result, a Research Assistant MSEA-B position previously funded equally by DHHS Child Protective Services and DHHS Child Support has been transferred to 100% Child Protective Services. DHHS has agreed to this additional funding, but this leaves a need for a part-time Child Support position.

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

Ref. #: 433

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$24,561	\$24,561
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$24,561	\$24,561

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Establishes one Assistant Attorney General position dedicated to the Child Protection Division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 434

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,682	\$114,891
All Other	\$9,470	\$9,635
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$119,152	\$124,526

Justification:

Due to an increasing number of child abuse and neglect reports and corresponding assessments, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has significantly increased the number of child protective services social workers. In the past two years, the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) has seen a dramatic increase in calls to Central Intake and new assessments assigned to field staff. This has resulted in greater numbers of court cases being filed and litigated. The substantial increase in the Department's workload and workforce for child protection services directly ties to workload for the Office of the Attorney General's Child Protection AAGs and administrative staff. The American Bar Association has recommended caseload limits of 60 trial court cases per trial attorney for this type of state agency representation. In Maine, the caseloads far exceed the American Bar Association recommendations, with each AAG carrying an average of 100 cases prior to DHHS's 2018 staffing increase. One additional AAG project position was established by Financial Order and there is another initiative seeking to make that position permanent. However, more positions are needed. This position in this initiative addresses the second staffing increase by DHHS, and directly impacts the safety of Maine's most vulnerable children.

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Assistant Attorney General position dedicated to the Child Protection Division and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position was continued by Financial Order 001109 F1.

Ref. #: 435

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$109,682	\$107,896
All Other	\$9,470	\$9,635
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$119,152	\$117,531

Justification:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has significantly increased the number of child protective cases it has filed in court in the past 18 months, resulting in approximately 400 additional children in DHHS custody this year, compared to the same time last year. This is the highest number of children subject to child protection court cases in over a decade. DHHS is increasing their workforce for child protection, having established 65 new positions for child protection social workers. DHHS is making an additional request for 40 child protection staff, which will grow the total to 105 new staff members at DHHS dedicated to child protection work. This increase of approximately 30% growth in the Department's workforce for child protection, directly correlates to workload for the Office of the Attorney General and its dedicated team of Child Protection Assistant Attorney Generals (AAG) and their administrative staff. Child Protection AAGs handle a total of approximately 2,000 cases in the trial courts which require in excess of 4000 court appearances and hundreds of trials, all set on a priority basis or expedited court scheduling track. Child Protection AAG also handle over 80 appeals annually in the Maine Supreme Court, which is the highest number of appeals to Maine's highest court handled by any single division at the Attorney General's Office. These Assistant Attorney Generals additionally manage numerous other core responsibilities including training of Office of Child and Family Service (OCFS) staff, advising OCFS daily on case evidence collection, evidence management, service of process, drafting court-related records, and much more. In sum, DHHS is responding to a need to increase staffing, assess more families, and file more cases in the trial courts, which results in corresponding increases in appellate caseloads and the need for more legal services. The American Bar Association has recommended caseload limits of 60 trial court cases per trial attorney for this type of state agency representation; each full-time litigation AAG currently on staff carries an average of 100 cases. This position directly impacts the safety of Maine's most vulnerable population, its children.

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Legal position to one Secretary Associate Legal position dedicated to the Department of Health and Human Services Division.

Ref. #: 436

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$6,407	\$6,406
All Other	\$357	\$357
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,764	\$6,763

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Legal position to one Secretary Associate Legal position dedicated to the Department of Health and Human Services Division. The reclassification is necessary due to the complexity of tasks being performed and the required ongoing need for this level of support.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION 0696

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	80.000	80.000	81.500	81.500
Personal Services	\$9,017,898	\$9,399,196	\$9,481,917	\$9,916,714
All Other	\$1,367,431	\$1,359,415	\$1,408,336	\$1,408,718
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,385,329	\$10,758,611	\$10,890,253	\$11,325,432

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$225,549	\$225,549	\$225,549	\$225,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$225,549	\$225,549	\$225,549	\$225,549

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$239,242	\$247,832	\$244,039	\$253,742
All Other	\$599,418	\$599,418	\$599,418	\$599,418
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$838,660	\$847,250	\$843,457	\$853,160

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

Ref. #: 440

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,090	\$1,090
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,090	\$1,090

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT) rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

**VICTIMS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0711
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$225,549	\$225,549	\$225,549	\$225,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$225,549	<hr/> \$225,549	<hr/> \$225,549	<hr/> \$225,549
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$239,242	\$247,832	\$244,039	\$253,742
All Other	\$599,418	\$599,418	\$600,508	\$600,508
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/> \$838,660	<hr/> \$847,250	<hr/> \$844,547	<hr/> \$854,250

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$24,397,667	\$25,355,605
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,693,993	\$2,772,271
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$130,929	\$136,227
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$20,654,153	\$21,452,324
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$47,876,742	\$49,716,427

Sec. A-35. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$918,147	\$934,193	\$1,003,534	\$1,028,263
All Other	\$44,117	\$44,117	\$44,117	\$44,117
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$962,264	\$978,310	\$1,047,651	\$1,072,380
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$347,878	\$353,561	\$385,697	\$393,514
All Other	\$210,252	\$210,252	\$210,252	\$210,252
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$558,130	\$563,813	\$595,949	\$603,766
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Continues the administrative reorganization of a Senior Paralegal position to a Paralegal position and reduces the hours from full-time to part-time.

Ref. #: 1083

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	(\$48,915)	(\$49,428)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$48,915)	(\$49,428)

Justification:

Continues the administrative reorganization of a Senior Paralegal position to a Paralegal position and reduces the hours from full-time to part-time in September, 2020 in order to provide General Fund savings.

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Reorganizes one Maine Human Rights Investigator - Supervisor position to a Maine Human Rights Investigator position.

Ref. #: 1084

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2021-22

2022-23

(\$9,381)

(\$12,122)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

(\$9,381)

(\$12,122)

Ref. #: 1085

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services

2021-22

2022-23

(\$3,125)

(\$4,038)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

(\$3,125)

(\$4,038)

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes one Maine Human Rights Investigator - Supervisor position to a Maine Human Rights Investigator position in order to provide General Fund savings.

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology and general operating costs.

Ref. #: 1086

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2021-22

2022-23

\$13,572

\$13,572

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$13,572

\$13,572

Ref. #: 1087

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

2021-22

2022-23

\$3,823

\$4,038

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$3,823

\$4,038

Justification:

This initiative provides funds for increased costs to the department.

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 6 Maine Human Rights Investigator positions from range 24 to range 26 retroactive to August of 2018.

Ref. #: 1088

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$42,131	\$24,482
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$42,131	\$24,482

Ref. #: 1089

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$26,726	\$17,492
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$26,726	\$17,492

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the approved range change of 6 Maine Human Rights Investigators from range 24 to range 26 retroactive to August of 2018.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - REGULATION 0150
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	8.500	8.500
Personal Services	\$918,147	\$934,193	\$987,369	\$991,195
All Other	\$44,117	\$44,117	\$57,689	\$57,689
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$962,264	\$978,310	\$1,045,058	\$1,048,884

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$347,878	\$353,561	\$409,298	\$406,968
All Other	\$210,252	\$210,252	\$214,075	\$214,290
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$558,130	\$563,813	\$623,373	\$621,258

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864	\$107,864

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$1,045,058	\$1,048,884
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$623,373	\$621,258
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$107,864	\$107,864
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,776,295	\$1,778,006

Sec. A-37. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION, MAINE

Maine Indian Tribal-state Commission 0554

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614

MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION 0554

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614	\$111,614

INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION, MAINE

	2021-22	2022-23
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$111,614	\$111,614
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$111,614	\$111,614

Sec. A-38. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	11.500	11.500	11.500
Personal Services	\$0	\$899,599	\$954,855	\$977,284
All Other	\$9,000	\$15,521,725	\$15,521,725	\$15,521,725
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,000	\$16,421,324	\$16,476,580	\$16,499,009

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000

**MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES Z112
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	11.500	11.500	11.500
Personal Services	\$0	\$899,599	\$954,855	\$977,284
All Other	\$9,000	\$15,521,725	\$15,521,725	\$15,521,725
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,000	\$16,421,324	\$16,476,580	\$16,499,009

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$16,476,580	\$16,499,009
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$17,633,580	\$17,656,009

Sec. A-40. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	528.000	528.000	528.000	528.000
Personal Services	\$48,044,913	\$50,788,854	\$52,137,289	\$53,268,349
All Other	\$19,916,833	\$19,898,833	\$19,898,833	\$19,898,833
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$67,961,746	\$70,687,687	\$72,036,122	\$73,167,182
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$525,137	\$565,887	\$106,075	\$108,910
All Other	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,613,926	\$1,654,676	\$1,194,864	\$1,197,699
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$4,778,691	\$5,157,788	\$4,166,368	\$4,293,565
All Other	\$5,718,831	\$6,316,667	\$6,316,667	\$6,316,667
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,797,522	\$11,774,455	\$10,783,035	\$10,910,232

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Service Center/Violations Bureau Assistant Clerk positions through June 17, 2023 and transfers and reallocates the positions to another Other Special Revenue Funds account within the same program. These positions were previously authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343.

Ref. #: 1857

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$149,086	\$156,318
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$149,086	\$156,318

Justification:

These positions provide statewide court services in support of the DHHS IV-D Cooperative Agreement, which will assist the courts in ensuring child support and recovery cases are adequately handled within the time frames specified in 45 CFR 303.4 and 303.6.

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs.

Ref. #: 1858 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$80,000	\$80,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,000	\$80,000

Justification:

This funding provides support for remote video technology, a critical tool during the pandemic, for mediations and federally mandated interpreter services which have substantially increased due to the Covid-19 emergency.

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Court Appointed Special Advocate Legal Services Advisor positions through June 17, 2023. These positions were previously authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343.

Ref. #: 1859 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$265,240	\$272,740
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$265,240	\$272,740

Justification:

These positions are funded by the federal Victims of Crime Assistance grant. The positions provide assistance to the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Director and supervise the efforts of the CASA volunteers assisting children subject to abuse and neglect. The use of volunteers reduces the need for guardian ad litem funding.

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Law Clerk positions through June 17, 2023. These positions were previously authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343.

Ref. #: 1860 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$285,939	\$298,107
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$285,939	\$298,107

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the increase in operational costs for utilities, fuel, snow removal, maintenance and other facility related expenses to operate the Judicial Branch's 38 facilities, including two new courthouses in Oxford and Waldo counties.

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Facility Engineer position through June 17, 2023. This position was previously authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343.

Ref. #: 1864

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2021-22

2022-23

Personal Services

\$122,352

\$127,472

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$122,352

\$127,472

Justification:

This position will assist other staff in providing project management/clerk of the works oversight for the construction of the courthouse in York County.

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Child Protective and Juvenile Process Specialist position through June 17, 2023. This position was previously authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343.

Ref. #: 1865

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2021-22

2022-23

Personal Services

\$139,408

\$145,185

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$139,408

\$145,185

Justification:

This position is funded by the federal Court Improvement Grant through the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children and Families. The grant is targeted to improve Maine's system of justice with regard to safety, well-being, and permanency of Maine's most vulnerable children, those within the child welfare system. The position is responsible for assisting in the implementation of grant requirements.

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Collections Clerk positions and one limited-period Court Fine Screener position through June 17, 2023. These positions were previously authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343.

Ref. #: 1866

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2021-22

2022-23

Personal Services

\$250,658

\$257,010

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$250,658

\$257,010

Justification:

These positions assist in the collection of overdue fines and fees due to the courts as authorized by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 20 and are funded from the monies collected.

**COURTS - SUPREME, SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT 0063
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	528,000	528,000	528,000	528,000
Personal Services	\$48,044,913	\$50,788,854	\$52,137,289	\$53,268,349
All Other	\$19,916,833	\$19,898,833	\$20,996,471	\$20,996,471
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$67,961,746	\$70,687,687	\$73,133,760	\$74,264,820
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$525,137	\$565,887	\$510,723	\$526,835
All Other	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,613,926	\$1,654,676	\$1,599,512	\$1,615,624
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
Personal Services	\$4,778,691	\$5,157,788	\$5,049,353	\$5,211,185
All Other	\$5,718,831	\$6,316,667	\$6,316,667	\$6,316,667
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,797,522	\$11,774,455	\$11,666,020	\$11,827,852

Judicial - Debt Service Z097

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584

Judicial - Debt Service Z097

Initiative: Reduces funding on a one-time basis to reflect savings achieved by restructuring the 2011 debt issuance.

Ref. #: 1870

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	(\$1,045,657)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,045,657)

Justification:

This initiative reduced funding in fiscal year 2022-23 to reflects one-time savings achieved by restructuring the 2011 debt issuance.

JUDICIAL - DEBT SERVICE Z097

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$16,043,927
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$17,089,584	\$16,043,927

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$90,223,344	\$90,308,747
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,599,512	\$1,615,624
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$11,666,020	\$11,827,852
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$103,488,876	\$103,752,223

Sec. A-52. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Assistance 0553

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

LEGAL ASSISTANCE 0553

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$500,000	\$500,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500,000	\$500,000

Sec. P-3. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected savings from an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 5% for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Ref. #: 1867 One Time Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	(\$1,566,169)	(\$1,594,453)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,566,169)	(\$1,594,453)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	(\$1,566,169)	(\$1,594,453)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$1,566,169)	(\$1,594,453)

PART KK

Sec. KK-1. 18-C MRSA §5-415, sub-§1, as affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

1. Bond or collateral. Requiring the conservator to furnish bond or collateral or additional bond or collateral or allowing a reduction in a bond or collateral previously furnished; This subsection does not apply to a public conservator;

Sec. KK-2. 18-C MRSA §5-416, sub-§5, is enacted to read:

5. Public conservator. The court may not require a bond for a public conservator.

Sec. KK-3. 18-C MRSA §5-710, as affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§5-710. Bond not required

The public guardian or conservator is not required to file bonds in individual guardianships or conservatorships, ~~but shall give a surety bond for the joint benefit of the individuals subject to guardianship or protected persons placed under the responsibility of the public guardian or conservator and the State, with a surety company or companies authorized to do business within the State, in an amount not less than the total value of all assets held by the public guardian or conservator, which amount must be computed at the end of each state fiscal year and approved by the Probate Court for Kennebec County. At no time may the bond of each of the public guardians or conservators be less than \$500 respectively.~~

Sec. KK-4. 18-C MRSA §5-711, sub-§1, as affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

1. Reasonable expenses; account for costs. The public guardian or conservator may receive such reasonable amounts for its expenses as guardian or conservator as the Probate Court may allow. The amounts so allowed must be allocated to an account from which may be drawn expenses for filing fees, ~~bond premiums~~, court costs and other expenses required in the administration of the functions of the public guardian or conservator. No amounts thus received may inure to the benefit of any employee of the public guardian or conservator. Any balance in the account at the end of a fiscal year does not lapse but is carried forward from year to year and used for the purposes provided for in this subsection.

PART KK SUMMARY

This Part eliminates the requirement that a public guardian or public conservator furnish a bond. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court held in *Perry v. Dean*, 2017 ME 35, that the State, having not explicitly waived its sovereign immunity provided under the Maine Tort Claims Act, is immune to claims against the State for breach of fiduciary duty owed to the person subject to public guardianship or public conservatorship.

PART FFF

Sec. FFF-1. 4 MRSA, §1804, sub-§4, ¶D is amended to read:

4. Powers. The commission may:

- A. Establish and maintain a principal office and other offices within the State as it considers necessary;
- B. Meet and conduct business at any place within the State;
- C. Use voluntary and uncompensated services of private individuals and organizations as may from time to time be offered and needed;
- D. Adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that rules adopted to establish ~~standards under subsection 2, paragraph B and~~ rates of compensation for assigned counsel and contract counsel under subsection 2, paragraph F are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and
- E. Appear in court and before other administrative bodies represented by its own attorneys.

PART FFF SUMMARY

This Part allows the Maine Indigent Legal Services Commission to establish rates of compensation for assigned counsel and contract counsel through routine technical, rather than major substantive, rulemaking, enabling the Commission to make these changes more quickly and efficiently.

PART III

Sec. III-1. Judicial salary adjustment. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4 to the contrary, effective July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022, the State Court Administrator shall increase the salaries of the State's chief justices, Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, associate justices and associate judges by 3% in total each of those fiscal years.

PART III SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Court Administrator to increase the salaries of the State's chief justices, Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, associate justices and associate judges by 3% in each of fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 effective July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022.