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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
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127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1087, L.D. 1597, Bill, “An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Deappropriations for the Judicial Department for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

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

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for the child protective guardian ad litem hourly rate increase from \$50 per hour to \$60 per hour effective July 1, 2016 to be consistent with the rate paid to attorneys appointed to represent parents.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$443,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$443,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in hours from a 37.5-hour workweek to a 40-hour workweek for the administrative bargaining unit, remaining employees in the professional and supervisory bargaining units and confidential nonmanagement employees effective the first pay period following July 1, 2016.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$0	\$770,000
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$770,000

2 **Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

3 Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the executive branch network charges
4 based on current users.

5	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
6	All Other	\$93,776	\$93,776
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$93,776</u>	<u>\$93,776</u>

9 **Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

10 Initiative: Deappropriates one-time funds no longer needed for courthouse feasibility
11 studies.

12	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
13	All Other	(\$215,000)	\$0
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15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$215,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

16 **Judicial - Debt Service Z097**

17 Initiative: Reduces funding by recognizing one-time savings in debt service costs in fiscal
18 year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17.

19	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
20	All Other	(\$400,000)	(\$1,300,000)
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$400,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,300,000)</u>

23	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
24	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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26	GENERAL FUND	(\$521,224)	\$6,776
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28	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$521,224)</u>	<u>\$6,776</u>

29 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised
30 Statutes, Title 4, section 1556, subsection 2, paragraph I takes effect July 1, 2016.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an effective date for funding for the increase in hours from a 37.5-hour workweek to a 40-hour workweek for the administrative bargaining unit, remaining employees in the professional and supervisory bargaining units and confidential nonmanagement employees and changes the appropriation from "All Other" to "Personal Services" and adds an effective date of July 1, 2016 to the changes in statute affecting the hourly rate of compensation for guardians ad litem. This amendment also clarifies that the deappropriation of funds no longer needed for courthouse feasibility studies and for debt service cost is for the 2016-2017 biennium only.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)