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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 725, L.D. 1811, Bill, “An Act To Appropriate and Allocate Funds To Strengthen the State's Efforts To Investigate, Prosecute and Punish Persons Committing Drug Crimes”

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §157, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. III, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, shall appoint to the District Court ~~36~~ 40 judges. At least one judge must be appointed from each district who is a resident of a county in which the district lies, except that in District 3 there must be 2 judges appointed who are residents of a county in which the district lies; in District 6 there must be 2 judges appointed who are residents of a county in which the district lies; and in District 9 there must be 2 judges appointed who are residents of a county in which the district lies. Four judges must be appointed to the District Court and assigned in a manner that ensures geographic distribution and the ability of the court to address drug-related criminal matters expeditiously. Each District Court Judge has a term of office of 7 years.

To be eligible for appointment as a District Judge, a person must be a member of the bar of the State. The term "District Judge" includes the Chief Judge and Deputy Chief Judge.

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for 4 Assistant Attorney General positions that will be dedicated to prosecuting drug crimes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	4.000
3	Personal Services	\$0	\$327,180
4	All Other	\$0	\$19,764
5			
6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$346,944

7	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
8	THE		
9	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
10			
11	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$346,944
12			
13	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$346,944

14 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

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

16 Initiative: Provides funding for 4 District Court Judge positions, 4 Deputy Marshal
 17 positions and 4 Assistant Clerk positions and related costs to address drug-related
 18 criminal matters.

19	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
20	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	12.000
21	Personal Services	\$0	\$1,167,132
22	All Other	\$0	\$111,000
23			
24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,278,132

25	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
26	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
27			
28	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,278,132
29			
30	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,278,132

31 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

32 **Drug Enforcement Agency 0388**

33 Initiative: Provides funding for 14 Investigative Agent positions from the General Fund
 34 and funding for training and costs associated with conducting investigations from Other
 35 Special Revenue Funds.

1	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$0	\$1,465,090
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,465,090</u>
5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
6	All Other	\$0	\$227,033
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$227,033</u>
9	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
10	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
11			
12	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,465,090
13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$227,033
14			
15	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,692,123</u>
16	SECTION TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
17			
18	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$3,090,166
19	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$227,033
20			
21	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,317,199</u>
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23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment is a minority report. It provides that the 4 new judge positions are
 25 appointed to the District Court and assigned in a manner that ensures geographic
 26 distribution and the ability of the court to address drug-related criminal matters
 27 expeditiously.

28 The amendment also adds a General Fund appropriation for the appointment of the 4
 29 new judges and their support staff.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 (See attached)