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House of Representatives, February 12, 2013

An Act To Appropriate Sufficient Funds for Indigent Legal Services

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and
Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Bethel, DeCHANT of Bath,
MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of
Cumberland, VILLA of Harrison, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON**

5 **Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

6 Initiative: Provides funds to increase reimbursement for indigent legal services from \$50
7 per hour to \$70 per hour effective October 1, 2013 and an increase to \$75 per hour
8 effective July 1, 2014.

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| 10 | GENERAL FUND | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11 | All Other | \$3,490,209 | \$5,995,237 |
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| 13 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$3,490,209</u> | <u>\$5,995,237</u> |

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$3,490,209 in fiscal year 2013-14
16 and \$5,995,237 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal
17 Services to increase reimbursement for indigent legal services from \$50 per hour to \$70
18 per hour effective October 1, 2013 and to \$75 per hour effective July 1, 2014.