

STATE OF MAINE

 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

 S.P. 243 - L.D. 807
An Act Regarding the Duties of the Public Advocate**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §26 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended to read:

5. Intervention on behalf of public. The Public Advocate may, on behalf of the using and consuming public, or any particular group of consumers, petition to initiate, or intervene and appear in, any proceedings before the commission, appeals from orders of the commission, or proceedings before state and federal agencies and courts in which the subject matter of the action affects the customers of any utility or competitive service provider doing business in this State, ~~except that the Public Advocate may not intervene in any proceeding in which the commission staff is representing a position substantially similar to that of the Public Advocate, as determined by the Public Advocate.~~

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: Provides an allocation to fund additional staff activities related to the expansion of the Office of the Public Advocate's duties in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and other state and federal agencies and courts.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$75,624	\$75,624
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$75,624	\$75,624