

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.