

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2281**

H. P. 1800

House of Representatives, January 3, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Permitting the Supreme Judicial Court  
to Modify the Rules of Evidence.**

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

**R. S., T. 4, § 9-A, additional.** Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 9-A to read as follows:

**§ 9-A. Power to prescribe rules of evidence**

The Supreme Judicial Court shall have the power and authority to prescribe, repeal, add to, amend or modify rules of evidence with respect to any and all civil actions or other proceedings, and any and all proceedings in criminal cases before complaint justices, District Courts, probate courts, Superior Courts and the Supreme Judicial Court.

Such rules shall take effect on such date not less than 6 months after their promulgation as the Supreme Judicial Court may set. After their promulgation, the Supreme Judicial Court may repeal, amend, modify or add to such rules from time to time without a waiting period. After the effective date of said rules as promulgated or amended, all laws in conflict therewith shall be of no further force or effect.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to grant to the Supreme Judicial Court the authority to prescribe and amend the rules of evidence.