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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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                                          MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Distribution of Statutes and Session Laws.

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

   Sec. 1.   3 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 480, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A copy of all revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the
session laws shall be sold at the established price to the following: Each free
public library, college library, district attorney's office, county commissioner's
court, sheriff's office, county treasurer's office, registry of deeds, registry of
probate, office of a judge of probate and ex-Governor.

   Sec. 2.   3 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c.
771, § 13 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A copy of all revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the ses-
sion laws shall be furnished to each county law library, the office of each
Justice and Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the office
of each Justice and Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court, the office of
each clerk of the courts, each District Court, the office of the Governor, the
office of the Reporter of Decisions, the office of the Judge of the United States
District Court for Maine, the office of the United States District Attorney for
Maine, the Library of the United States Court of Appeals for the first circuit,
the office of each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of
the United States, the office of the Secretary of the Senate and the office of
the Clerk of the House.

   Sec. 3.   3 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, first ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771,
§ 24, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A copy of the printed decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, commonly called Maine Reports, and of the advance sheets, which are purchased by the State in accordance with Title 4, section 702, shall be distributed by the State Law Librarian to the following: Each county law library, each college library, each district attorney's office, each office of a judge of probate, each registry of probate, each office of a clerk of courts, each District Court, the office of each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States, the office of each Justice and Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the office of each Justice and Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court, the office of Governor, the office of the Judge of the United States District Court for Maine, the office of the United States District Attorney for Maine, the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for Maine and the office of each Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the first circuit.

FISCAL NOTE

The bill could result in a loss of a small amount of revenue. The purchase of a number of sets of statutes and supplements is provided for in appropriations for the Legislature. If sets are loaned instead of sold to clerks of courts, as the bill provides, there could be a loss of revenue to the General Fund of, at the most, $636.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide statutes, session laws and all necessary supplements without charge to clerks of courts and to change references of county attorney to district attorney. This new draft adds a section to change an additional reference to county attorneys. The new draft also clarifies the intent of each of these sections by making it clear that these items are to be sent to each office mentioned and do not become the property of the individual holding the office.