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H. P. 55

House of Representatives, January 10, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stover of West Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to provide that the County Commissioners shall have the Power to
Authorize the Use of Superior Court Facilities when the Court is not in Session.**

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

4 MRSA § 115, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 408, § 12, is amended to read:

The facilities of the Superior Court in each county, when that court is not in session, shall be available for other ~~judicial~~ purposes. Arrangements for such use shall be made by the ~~Chief Justice or his designee~~ **county commissioners**.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the county commissioners to have greater authority over the Superior Court facilities when the court is not in session. The county commissioners are responsible for providing quarters, facilities, furnishings and equipment for the Superior Court. They, and not the Chief Justice, should supervise the courtroom when the court is not in session.

The bill would also provide that the court facilities may be used for nonjudicial purposes when the court is not in session.