

## ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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## **Legislative Document**

# In Senate, February 2, 1979

No. 320

S. P. 144 Referred to the Committee on Local & County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Mr. Martin of Aroostook.

Cosponsor: Mr. McBreairty of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate.

# STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

### AN ACT Relating to the Court of Probate of Aroostook County.

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

4 MRSA § 305 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 305. Term of Fort Kent and Caribou probate court

The judge of probate in and for the County of Aroostook shall hold a court of probate at least twice in each year at Fort Kent and at least 4 times each year at Caribou in the county. The time for holding the court shall be appointed by the judge and made known by public notification as provided in section 303.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The Aroostook County probate judge sits in Houlton, except for one term at Fort Kent. Residents of northern Aroostook County must drive several hours in order to transact business before the probate court. This bill would require the probate judge to hold court at least twice each year in Fort Kent and at least 4 times each year at Caribou, thereby reducing the inconvenience for these citizens.