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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-94)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 302,
L.D. 397, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish more Convenient Hours to
Permit Easier Access to Small Claims Court."

Amend the Amendment by striking out in the 4th line the
underlined words "at least one" and inserting in their place
the underlined word 'each'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the
last line before the fiscal note and inserting in its place
the following:

'Unallocated	\$13,350	\$17,800'
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Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that each District Court in each
division shall be open one evening per month. The bill currently
requires only one District Court in each division to be open,
which is clearly insufficient to carry out the intent of the
bill. This amendment also adjusts the appropriation needed.

In the 13th district, for example, there is one court in
Millinocket, one in Lincoln and one in Dover-Foxcroft. For
persons living in Dover-Foxcroft, for example, it would be very
inconvenient to have to travel to Millinocket to file a small
claim. In order to make the small claims procedure convenient
for working people, each District Court in each division

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should be open one night a month.