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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-171)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 597, L.D. 741, Bill,
"AN ACT to Abolish County Subsidies to the Superior Court System."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §118, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 383, §4, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Effective July 1, 1980, the amount each county shall pay under this section shall be the following percentage of the amount fixed and confirmed for 1975:

During July 1, 1980 to June 30. 1981. 75%;

During July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982; 50%;

During July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983; 25%; and

After July 1, 1983; 0%.

Further amend the Bill by renumbering sections 3 to 5 to be sections 2 to 4.

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Fiscal Note

This bill will cause the following losses of revenue to the General Fund:

Fiscal year 1980-81: \$191,002:

Fiscal year 1981-82: \$382,005:

Fiscal year 1982-83: \$573,008 and

Fiscal year 1983-84 and thereafter: \$764,011.

Statement of Fact

This amendment establishes a 3-year transition for ending the county subsidy to the courts. It diminishes that subsidy by 25% each year. It also removes the provision that repealed the counties obligation to provide court facilities.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 4/5/79 (Filing No. H-171)