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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 1910

8 S. P. 814 In Senate, February 2, 1982
Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Devoe of Penobscot.

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11 **STATE OF MAINE**
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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 **AN ACT to Implement the Single Trial Law.**
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18 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
19 do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment
20 unless enacted as emergencies; and

21 Whereas, the Single Trial Law as passed at the First
22 Regular Session went into effect on January 2, 1982; and

23 Whereas, it may be necessary to use additional court
24 facilities and provide for electronic reporting in order to
25 expeditiously hear cases under the Single Trial Law; and

26 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
27 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-
28 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as
29 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

2 Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §115, first sentence, as enacted by PL
3 1975, c. 408, §12, is amended to read:

4 In each county, the place for holding court shall be
5 located in a ~~state, county or municipal~~ building designated
6 by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or his
7 designee, who, with the advice and approval of the Bureau of
8 Public Improvements, is empowered to negotiate, on behalf of
9 the State, the leases, contracts and other arrangements he
10 considers necessary, within the limits of appropriations and
11 other funds available to the Supreme Judicial and Superior
12 Courts, to provide suitable quarters, adequately furnished
13 and equipped, for the Supreme Judicial or Superior Court in
14 each county.

15 Sec. 2. 4 MRSA, §651, as repealed and replaced by PL
16 1977, c. 208, §1, is amended by adding after the 2nd para-
17 graph a new paragraph to read:

18 The Supreme Judicial Court may prescribe rules, re-
19 quirements and regulations that will ensure the production
20 of a readable record of proceedings before the Supreme
21 Judicial Court and the Superior Court by any suitable means
22 other than stenographic reporting by court reporters,
23 including, but not limited to, the use of electronic record-
24 ing equipment.

25 Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §2111, 2nd sentence, as repealed and
26 replaced by PL 1965, c. 356, §59, is amended to read:

27 The appeal may be taken within 5 10 days after pronouncement
28 of the judgment appealed from, in such manner and upon such
29 conditions as the Supreme Judicial Court may by rule pre-
30 scribe.

31 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in
32 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to implement the Single
3 Trial Law.

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