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L.D. 1032

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Minority

(Filing No. H-467)

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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 661, L.D. 1032, "An Act Regarding Court Security"

Amend the bill in section 2 in the blocked paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "appropriate"

Amend the bill in section 2 in the blocked paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "office" the following: "in the county in which the court to be staffed is located"

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the sheriff's office to which the State Court Administrator must first offer a contract to provide court security-related functions and services is the sheriff's office in the county in which the court is located.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/16/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1032

LR 1443(02)

An Act Regarding Court Security

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-467)

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Judicial Branch to contract for the services of qualified individuals to perform court security-related functions if court operations are affected by a lack of available court security for more than 2% of scheduled court time in any given month. It also requires that before seeking outside contractors, the Judicial Branch must first offer the contract for services to the sheriff's office in the county where the court is located.

In existing contracts where sheriff's departments provide full-time security for the court, the Judicial Branch pays \$32,143 per month. In cases where police officers are hired on a per diem basis to cover shortages in judicial marshal staffing, the rate is \$600 per day. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because it is unknown how often this threshold would be met and which authority would be available to provide the service for the court. As such, no estimate of the cost of the bill is made at this time.