

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, Governor of Maine.

The Judicial Council herewith submits its report for 1958.

In 1958 the Council met in Augusta in March, June, October, and December.

The Council during the current year has been active in two fields.

I SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS

Attached hereto is a copy of the report of the subcommittee of the Council consisting of Justice Harold C. Marden of the Superior Court, Chairman, Judge Frank E. Southard, Jr. of the Augusta Municipal Court, and George A. Cowan, Esq., Clerk of Courts in Lincoln County.

The report was accepted and approved at the December meeting.

The matter will be presented by the Council to the Legislature at the coming session.

II JUVENILE OFFENDERS

The Council is engaged in a study of the statutes relating to juvenile offenders. The subcommittee having the matter in hand consists of Judge Sidney W. Wernick of the Portland Municipal Court, Chairman, Mrs. Ashmead White of Bangor, Attorney General Frank F. Harding, Justice Dufresne of the Superior Court, and Leonard A. Pierce, Esq. of Portland.

The Harvard Student Legislative Research Bureau has given invaluable assistance to the committee and Council in research and preparation of preliminary drafts of legislation. The Bureau, composed of students at the Harvard Law School, carefully states in its report to the Council that "The Harvard Student Legislative Research Bureau in no way represents the Harvard Law School, nor is the Harvard Law School in any way responsible for the work of the Harvard Student Legislative Research Bureau."

We take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging our appreciation of their services.

A tentative draft of a comprehensive revision of the statutes covering this important subject was approved in principle at the December meeting and referred to the subcommittee for further study and consideration.

The matter will be presented to the Legislature at the coming session.

The present membership of the Council is:

		Term expired
Frank F. Harding, Attorney General	Rockland	(ex officio member)
Frank E. Hancock, New Attorney General		(ex officio member)
Harold C. Marden Justice, Superior Court	Waterville	April 7, 1962
Armand A. Dufresne, Jr. Justice, Superior Court	Lewiston	July 31, 1961
Frank E. Southard, Jr. Judge, Municipal Court	Augusta	April 7, 1962
Louis C. Stearns, III Judge, Probate Court	Bangor	July 31, 1961
George A. Cowan Clark of Courts	Wiscasset	April 7, 1962
Leonard A. Pierce Member of Bar	Portland	April 7, 1962
George B. Barnes Member of Bar	Houlton	April 7, 1962
Mrs. Ashmead White Layman	Bangor	April 7, 1962
Orren C. Hornell Layman	Brunswick	April 7, 1962
Sidney W. Wernick Judge, Municipal Court	Portland	August 21, 1961
Robert B. Williamson Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court	Augusta	(ex officio chair- man but not a member of the Council) (R.S.c.113, Par.199)

1 vacancy - layman

The Chairman and Secretary have been authorized by all members of the Council to submit this report in their behalf.

Respectfully submitted:

Dated this 19th day of December, 1958

s/ Robert B. Williamson  
Ex officio Chairman

s/ George A. Cowan  
Secretary