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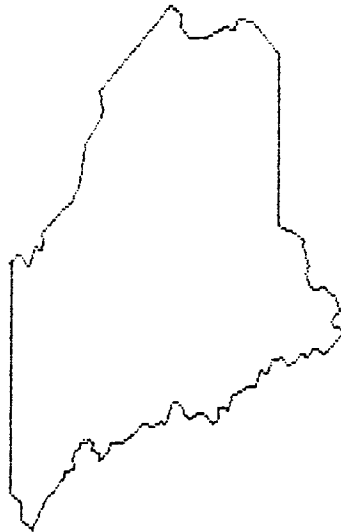


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BILL SUMMARY



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1415 AN ACT RELATING TO JUSTICES AND Kelleher PL 1983, c. 167
JUDGES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL, (new draft LD 78)
SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS

SUMMARY: Allows justices and judges of the Supreme Judicial, Superior, and District Courts retiring at age 60 with 20 years service to receive the same benefits as a justice or judge retiring at age 65 with 12 years service.

1428 AN ACT TO CREATE A BOARD OF REVIEW Andrews HELD IN COMTE
FOR THE JUDICIARY

SUMMARY: Sought to establish a board of review to hear complaints against the judiciary. The final committee version of the bill provided public hearings on complaints if ordered by the Superior Court or if requested by the person under investigation or by a majority of the Committee hearing the complaint. This bill has been held in committee until the next session.

1433 AN ACT CONCERNING VISITATION RIGHTS Ketover PL 1983, c. 195
FOR PARENTS AND 3RD PERSONS WITH (new draft LD
CHILDREN INVOLVED IN DIVORCE OR CUS- 292)
TODY PROCEEDINGS

SUMMARY: Provides for possible court-ordered visitation rights for grandparents with their grandchildren, stepparents with their stepchildren, or any third persons who a court finds should have rights to visit a child. The visitation rights may only be ordered when a court is making or has made a child custody order in the context of the separation of the parents or their divorce or annulment. It also refers to visitation rights for parents. While courts have been granting visitation rights to parents, current statutes do not contain an expression of this authority. Such an expression is added for clarity.

1435 AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR NE- Trafton PL 1983, c. 198
GOTIATING A WORTHLESS INSTRUMENT (new draft LD
876)

SUMMARY: Alters the penalties in the Criminal Code for negotiating a worthless instrument to make them conform to the penalties for theft; that is so that they are based on the face value of the instrument involved as the theft penalties are based on the value of the services or property stolen.

1436 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY OF Trafton PL 1983, c. 208
LIBRARY RECORDS (new draft LD
659)

SUMMARY: Requires public municipal libraries and the Maine State Library to maintain its records in such a manner that information relating to the identity of a person borrowing a book is confidential.