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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1847	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICES AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES	Trafton	
Replaced by new draft LD 2262			
1848	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF VENUE IN CRIMINAL CASES	Trafton	SEN ADHERED TO ENGROSSMENT HSE ADHERED TO FAILS ENGROSSMENT

SUMMARY: This bill sought to permit the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to provide by rule that post-arraignment proceedings in criminal cases may be conducted at locations other than those provided by statute. This would have enabled criminal trials to occur in a court other than one in the county where the crime was committed. The current statute permits such a transfer only with the consent of the defendant. Under the Maine Constitution, however, a criminal trial would still have had to occur within the "vicinity", interpreted by the Supreme Judicial Court to mean within the "neighborhood" of the crime, apparently ruling out the possibility of transferring a criminal trial to a non-neighborhood county.

1849	AN ACT TO UPDATE THE MASTER CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PLAN	Trafton	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Designed to require the Department of Corrections to update its 1976 Master Correctional Services Plan. Other ideas proposed in committee would have created a Commission of Legislators, interested groups and the Department to revise the Plan.

1850	AN ACT TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO REGIONAL PRESIDING JUSTICE WITH CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	Trafton	
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1857	AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL	Trafton	PL 1983, c. 631
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SUMMARY: This bill provides for ex officio membership of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court on the Judicial Council.