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BILL SUMMARY



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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 First Regular Session of the ll2th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee. LD: 466 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICT OF THE MAINE DISTRICT COURT SYSTEM CHALMERS KANE SEWALL

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY :

Sought to eliminate the holding of District Court in Madawaska, Van Buren, and Bar Harbor.

- LD: 478 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW DISTRICT FOR SMALL DISTRICT COURT CAHILL
 - LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY :

Sought to create a new District Court district comprised of Sagadahoc County and Eastern Cumberland County.

LD: 479 EMERGENCY	AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION	HAYDEN Paradis p Kane
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		SENATE Emerg. Enacted	
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SUMMARY:

The 111th Legislature established a commission to recommend sentencing guidelines in order to reduce disparity in sentencing and to establish just, uniform sentencing practices throughout the State in terms of length of incarceration, as well as incarceration versus probation. The final report of that commission recommended that a new commission be created to continue the study in order to:

1. Develop further input from affected parties;

2. Focus more fully on appropriate sanctions for offenders;

3. Develop advisory sentences; and

4. Provide a system to monitor the operation of the guidelines.

This bill seeks to implement that final report with an appropriation of \$15,000.