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STATE OF MAINE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 480 AN ACT TO EXEMPT CLERGY FROM JURY DUTY

MICHAUD MCGOWAN SMITH C B

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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report

GOV

H - 28

CA MIN REP

SUMMARY:

Sought to exempt clergy and, as amended, Christian Science practitioners and readers from jury duty.

LD:

481 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF POST-

PARADIS P BOUTILIER

CONVICTION REVIEW

HOUSE Enacted

PUBLIC CH # 209

SENATE Enacted

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SUMMARY:

OTP-AM

H - 118

Presently, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 2129, subsection 2, is inadequate both because it fails to recognize that the assignment of cases at the Superior Court level now rests in the newly created position of Chief Justice of the Superior Court and because it does not permit the assignment of post conviction review cases to the regular criminal calendar when a special assignment is undesirable. This amends the provision so as to leave the procedural details of case assignment to administrative order by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

LD:

AN ACT RELATING TO THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT

GAUVREAU NELSON ALLEN

L.V-WD

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SUMMARY:

498

The written report of the guardian ad litem, appointed by the court to represent the interests of the child in a child protection proceeding, resulting from the guardian's investigation is not admissable into evidence without the consent of all parties. This sought to allow the court to routinely receive into evidence the guardian's report, provided it was prepared in accordance with the guardian's statutory duties.