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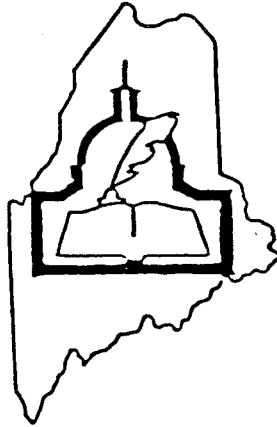
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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BILL SUMMARY



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

LD: 1395 AN ACT TO STUDY THE LOCATION OF THE SUPREME
ND of 519 JUDICIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

FOSTER
TRAFTON

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

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CH # 60

SUMMARY:

Creates a commission to examine the possibility of moving the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to Augusta. Commission membership includes legislators on the Judiciary, State Government and Appropriations Committees, and appointments by the Chief Justice and the Governor. The commission is to report to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

LD: 1400 AN ACT CONCERNING MURDER CASES AND CASES OF
SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS

STEVENS A
COTE
BERUBE

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

SUMMARY:

Sought to:

1. Provide that, in the case of a murder of a minor, the sentence of imprisonment is life;
2. Prohibit plea bargaining in cases of murder of a minor or sex offenses where the victim is a minor; and
3. Establish a plea of guilty but suffering from mental disease or defect in lieu of the insanity defense for the murder of a minor or sex offenses where the victim is a minor.

LD: 1401 AN ACT TO MAKE SMALL CLAIMS COURTS MORE
EFFECTIVE

MCHENRY

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

SUMMARY:

Sought to provide that, if a defendant in a small claims action failed to appear for disclosure or failed to comply with any payment order issued by the court, he could be held in contempt.