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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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No. 425

S. P. 148 In Senate, January 17, 1963 Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Stitham of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Counsel for Indigent Persons in Criminal Cases.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 148, § 11, amended. The last sentence of section 11 of chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Competent defense counsel may shall be assigned before arraignment by the Superior or District Court in any all criminal cases and shall be assigned in all eases punishable by imprisonment for life charging a felony when it appears to the court that the accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel; and the. The Superior Court shall order reasonable compensation to be paid to counsel out of the county treasury for such services rendered in any case punishable by imprisonment for life, and compensation may be allowed by the court in cases of other felonies, but no compensation shall be allowed counsel for services in lesser cases.'