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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 507, L. D. 1423, Bill, "An Act Relating to Counsel for Indigent Persons in Criminal Cases."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"'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 cases punishable by imprisonment for life~~ charging a felony, when it appears to the court that the accused desires counsel but 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 in the Superior Court 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. No compensation shall be allowed for such services in the District Court. The Superior or District Court may in criminal cases not charging a felony appoint counsel when it appears to the court that the accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel, but no compensation shall be allowed counsel in such cases.'"

Proposed by Senator FARRIS of KENNEBEC

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