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In Senate, February 21, 1963

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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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

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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 cases 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 in the Superior Court. The District Court shall order reasonable compensation to be paid to counsel out of the state treasury for 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. ~~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 for services in lesser cases'~~