

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 491

S. P. 161

In Senate, January 26, 1965

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Providing for a Maine Key Number Digest Committee.

Maine Key Number Digest Committee. Resolved: That a committee of 5 members to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court is created for the purpose of contracting for the publication of and purchasing in the name of the State of Maine of a Key Number Digest which shall contain a comprehensive digest of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, and such other editorial features and research aids as the committee may deem appropriate; and be it further

Resolved: That the committee shall cause 300 copies of the Maine Key Number Digest to be printed and bound to be distributed to the various state agencies under the direction of the State Librarian; and be it further

Resolved: That the State Controller, upon approval of the Maine Key Number Digest Committee, is authorized to cause payment to be made for services and proper expenses of the committee, and also compensation for such professional, expert and clerical assistants as may be necessarily employed by the committee; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$48,600 be appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve, and the unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

No digest of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court has been published since 1957. The proposed Maine Key Number Digest, which will examine and digest every opinion in the reports of this court and all federal cases arising in Maine, will provide a valuable research tool to enhance the administration of justice by assisting the attorney to better serve all segments of the public, courts and agencies of government. The growing complexity of the law dictates that expert editorial service is needed in the formulation and publication of such a digest.