

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 28, 1965

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Providing for Compensation of Attorneys Appointed for Indigent Persons Charged with Crimes.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 810, amended.** Section 810 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by inserting after the 3rd sentence 2 new sentences to read as follows:

**'The Superior or District Court may in criminal cases charging a misdemeanor appoint counsel when it appears to the court that the accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel. The District Court shall order reasonable compensation to be paid to counsel out of the District Court Fund for such services in the District Court.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 15, § 810, amended.** The last 2 sentences of section 810 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes are repealed as follows:

**'No compensation shall be allowed for such services in the District Court. The Superior or District Court may in criminal cases charging a misdemeanor 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.'**