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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 1610

S. P. 654

In Senate, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Judiciary suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Increasing the Number of Official Court Reporters.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Constitution of Maine provides that every citizen shall have a remedy by due course of law promptly and without delay; and

Whereas, an additional Official Court Reporter should be appointed without delay to expedite and assist in the speedy and prompt disposal of cases pending before our courts; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 651, amended. The first sentence of section 651 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may appoint not more than ~~++~~ **12** Official Court Reporters to serve for a term of 7 years, who shall report the proceedings in the Supreme Judicial Court and in the Superior Court and who shall be officials of the court to which they may from time to time be assigned by the Chief Justice, and be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, and each of whom shall receive from the State a salary of \$8,500 per year.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$3,700 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$8,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.