

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 479

S. P. 216

In Senate, February 1, 1967

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Directing Review of Probate Laws and Method of Choosing Judges and Registers of Probate.

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

Sec. 1. Committee. There is created a committee to study the present general provisions of the statutes relating to probate matters, including, but not limited to, the method of selecting judges and registers of probate, the desirability of creating a probate court system and the desirability of integrating probate matters in other courts. The committee shall be composed of: A representative of the Supreme Judicial Court, who shall be chairman and who shall be designated by the Chief Justice; a representative of the Maine State Bar Association, designated by the President of the Bar Association; a representative of the University of Maine School of Law, designated by the Dean of the Law School; a Justice of the Superior Court and a judge of the probate court, both designated by the Governor. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses in performing their duties.

Sec. 2. Report. The committee shall report to the Governor by December 1, 1968 such changes and amendments as may appear to be desirable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 to carry out the purposes of this Act, and said sum shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.