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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 515

H. P. 404

House of Representatives, January 30, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Authorizing a Study of the Operational Aspects of the Superior and Supreme Courts.

Funds for study of Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts; appropriation.
Resolved: That the sum of \$40,000 is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Judicial Council; and be it further

Resolved: That such sum be expended by the Judicial Council to defray the expenses of a study of the operational aspects of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, particularly in the area of finances, facilities and personnel; and be it further

Resolved: That this appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been completed; and be it further

Resolved: That the Judicial Council shall make a progress report to the 105th Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The present Supreme Judicial and Superior Court system was created by the 84th Legislature, effective January 1, 1930. Since that time a District Court system has been created. Litigation has increased. It is advisable to review the Supreme Judicial and Superior Court system in order to bring both courts up to date.