

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 177

S. P. 83

In Senate, January 14, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing the Number of Superior Court Justices.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 101, amended. The first sentence of section 101 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 1 of chapter 476 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The Superior Court, as heretofore established, shall consist of ~~11~~ 13 justices and such Active Retired Justices as may be appointed and serving on said court, learned in the law and of sobriety of manners.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 4, § 102, amended. The last sentence of section 102 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 472 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 476 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 4, relating to reimbursement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for expenses incurred by them, shall apply to Justices of the Superior Court, including reimbursement for expenses incurred in employing clerical assistance but which in the aggregate shall not exceed a total sum of ~~\$11,000~~ \$13,000 per year for all such clerical assistance.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$101,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS		
Personal Services	(2) 36,000	(2) 48,000
All Other	7,500	10,000
	<hr/> 43,500	<hr/> 58,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

In order to more efficiently administer Maine's court system, it is necessary to increase the number of Superior Court Justices from 11 to 13.