

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 232

In Senate, February 10, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Expert Witness Fees as Court Costs.**

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

**R. S., T. 16, § 251, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 251 of Title 16 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The court in its discretion may allow at the trial of any cause, civil or criminal, in said Supreme Judicial Court or the Superior Court, a **reasonable** sum ~~not exceeding \$50 per day~~ for ~~the~~ **each day's** attendance of any expert witness or witnesses at said trial, in taxing the costs of the prevailing party, ~~except that~~ **and** the expense of all expert witnesses for the State in murder cases shall be ~~in such amounts as the presiding justice shall allow and shall be~~ paid by the State and charged against the appropriation for the Department of the Attorney General.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide reasonable expenses for expert witnesses.