

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Fees for Transcripts of Evidence Furnished by Official Court Reporters.

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

R. S., T. 4, § 651, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 651 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 203 of the public laws of 1969. is further amended to read as follows:

They shall furnish a transcript of so much of the evidence and other proceedings taken by them as either party to the trial requires, on payment therefor by such party at the rate of 30e for every 100 words \$1 for every page.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to raise the fee for transcripts of evidence furnished by official court reporters from 75ϕ a page to \$1 per page. Under the present law the court reporters make a charge of 30ϕ per 100 words which for a page of 250 words is 75ϕ . This bill would increase the charge and change the basis of the charge from a 100 word basis to a per page basis. It will also make the state court fee consistent with that of the federal court.