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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of the District Court in
Certain Felony Cases.**

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

R. S., T. 4, § 152, amended. Section 152 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The District Court shall also possess, concurrent with the Superior Court, original jurisdiction to receive pleas of guilty in felony cases in which the defendant has in writing waived his right to indictment by grand jury and his right to appearance and trial in the Superior Court and has indicated his intention to enter a plea of guilty to the charges pending against him. When exercising such jurisdiction the District Court shall possess all of the powers of the Superior Court. Such jurisdiction shall be exercised in the manner which the Supreme Judicial Court shall by rule provide. Any person sentenced under this section shall be entitled to the rights provided by Title 15, chapter 306.