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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1478, L.D. 1921, Bill, "AN ACT Authorizing the Supreme Judicial Court to Provide for Juries of Fewer than 12."

Amend said Bill in the title by striking out before the period the words and figures "Fewer than 12" and inserting in place thereof the words and figure '8 Jurors in Civil Cases'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 1204, amended. Section 1204 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide for the trial of civil actions only by juries of 8 jurors.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 14, § 1354, amended. Section 1354 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 310 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

If the Supreme Judicial Court has by rule provided for the trial of civil actions by juries of 8 jurors, then 6 jurors may agree on a verdict and return it into court as the verdict of the jury, and the trial judge shall so instruct the jury.'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to realize judicial efficiency and economy.

Filed by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

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