

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 64

In Senate, January 16, 1973

Referred to the 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-THREE

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**AN ACT Providing for Deputy Clerks of the District Court.**

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

**R. S., T. 4, § 159, amended.** Section 159 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 159. Clerks, clerical assistants; appointment; compensation**

For each division and for the office of the Chief Judge, the Chief Judge shall appoint such clerks and **deputy clerks** and employ such clerical assistants as may be necessary. Clerks, **deputy clerks** and clerical assistants shall be compensated as determined by the Chief Judge. If the business of any division does not require the full-time service of a clerk, the Chief Judge may appoint a part-time clerk for such division. Whenever a clerk is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties as clerk and an existing or immediate session of the court renders it necessary, the judge may designate a clerk pro tempore who shall have the same powers and duties of the clerk.

**Whenever the clerk is unable to perform the duties of his office or so directs, his deputy shall have all the power and perform all the duties of clerk.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the Chief Judge of the District Court to appoint deputy clerks.