

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 187

S. P. 61

In Senate, January 17, 1973

Taken from table on motion by the President and on further motion by Senator Brennan of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Roberts of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Increasing the Number of Superior Court Justices and Official
Court Reporters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 101, amended. The first sentence of section 101 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 1 of chapter 504 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The Superior Court, as heretofore established, shall consist of ~~13~~ 14 justices and such Active Retired Justices as may be appointed and serving on said court, learned in the law and of sobriety of manners.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 4, § 102, amended. The last sentence of section 102 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 472 of the public laws of 1965 and as last amended by section 2 of chapter 504 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 4, relating to reimbursement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for expenses incurred by them, shall apply to Justices of the Superior Court, including reimbursement for expenses incurred in employing clerical assistance but which in the aggregate shall not exceed a total sum of ~~\$13,000~~ \$14,000 per year for all such clerical assistance.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 4, § 651, amended. The first sentence of section 651 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969 and as last amended by chapter 505 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may appoint not more than ~~15~~ 16 Official Court Reporters to serve for a term of 7 years, who shall report the proceedings in the Supreme Judicial Court and in the Superior Court and who shall be officials of the court to which they may from time to time be assigned by the Chief Justice, and be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, and each of whom shall receive from the State a salary of \$12,500 per year.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$64,750 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS		
Personal Services (2)	\$27,000	\$36,000
All Other	750	1,000
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	\$27,750	\$37,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

In order to more efficiently administer Maine's court system, and initiate dual simultaneous court sessions in the County of Kennebec, it is necessary to increase the number of Superior Court Justices from 13 to 14 and the number of Official Court Reporters from 15 to 16.