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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 237

S. P. 91

In Senate, January 18, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Complaint Justices in the District Court.

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

R. S., T. 4, § 161, repealed and replaced. Section 161 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 420 and section 1 of chapter 434, both of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 161. Complaint justice; appointment; duties; salary

The Chief Judge of the District Court may authorize any attorney-at-law, who is duly licensed to practice law in the State of Maine and who is also a justice of the peace, to receive complaints and to issue process for the arrest of persons charged with offenses. Such attorney shall be known as a complaint justice.

Any complaint so received or process so issued shall be in his capacity as a justice of the peace.

Such complaint justice shall be authorized to act only in the district of his residence, except when specifically directed to act in another and different district by the Chief Judge of the District Court.

Such complaint justice shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the District Court.

Such complaint justice shall receive such salary as shall be determined by the Chief Judge and paid as an expense of the District Court.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the appointment of complaint justices in the District Court by the Chief Judge.