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#### ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

#### Legislative Document

No. 1428

S. P. 456

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Clerks of the Judicial Courts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 551, repealed and replaced. Section 551 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 229 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

### § 551. Appointment; tenure

The clerks of the judicial courts shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and shall hold their offices for 4 years. It shall not be a requirement for appointment as a clerk of the judicial courts that the appointee be an attorney at law. The clerk shall be a resident of the county served. Salaries of the clerks shall be paid by the county served, in such amount as shall be determined by the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that clerks of the judicial courts shall continue in office until the expiration of their present terms.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.