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No. 1482

H. P. 1151

House of Representatives, March 14, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Challenges of Jurors in Civil and Criminal Cases.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 1204-A, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1204-A to read as follows:

§ 1204-A. Voir dire

Any rule of court or statute to the contrary notwithstanding, the court, in all civil cases, shall permit voir dire examination to be conducted by the parties or their attorneys under its direction and such examination of jurors shall be in groups sufficiently small in number to permit effective questioning and responses.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 15, § 1258-A, amended. Section 1258-A of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 482 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1258-A. Voir dire

Any rule of court or statute to the contrary notwithstanding, the court, in all criminal cases, shall permit voir dire examination to be conducted by the parties or their attorneys under its direction and such examination of jurors shall be in groups sufficiently small in number to permit effective questioning and responses.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.