

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1508

H. P. 1169

House of Representatives, March 19, 1973

Referred to 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 Venue of Personal and Transitory Actions Involving
the Residents of Brunswick and Harpswell.**

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

R. S., T. 14, § 501, sub-§ 1, additional. Section 501 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 1 to read as follows:

1. **Exception.** A personal and transitory action involving a resident of Brunswick or Harpswell may be brought in the Superior Court in Sagadahoc County.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In the recent past there were 3 terms of Superior Court each year in Sagadahoc County; and the number of civil and criminal cases pending before the Superior Court in Sagadahoc County has steadily declined to the point where the terms of court have been reduced from 3 to 2 each year. There are hundreds of cases constantly pending on the criminal docket and many cases constantly pending on the civil docket of the Superior Court in Cumberland County. There is no relief presently in sight by the formation of new judicial districts at the Superior Court level which recognize the inadequacy and inaccuracy of county lines as sensible boundaries for the channeling of judicial business. The Town of Brunswick and Harpswell are nearer to the county seat of Sagadahoc County, which is suffering from a lack of legal business, than they are to the county seat of Cumberland County, which is suffering from an excessive amount of legal business.