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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 16, L.D. 90,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for 6-person Juries in  
Civil Cases."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the  
beginning of the first line after the enacting  
clause (same in L.D.) the underlined abbreviation  
and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at  
the end before the Statement of Fact the  
following:

'Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §1354, as amended by  
PL 1971, c. 581, §2, is further amended by adding  
at the end a new paragraph to read:

If the Supreme Judicial Court has by rule  
provided for the trial of civil actions, by juries  
of 6 jurors, then 5 jurors may agree on a verdict  
and return it into court as the verdict of the  
jury, and the trial judge shall so instruct the  
jury.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide  
that when the trial of civil actions by juries  
of 6 jurors is provided for by court rule as  
would be authorized by the bill being amended,  
then 5 jurors out of the 6 jurors may agree on  
a verdict and return it to the court as the  
verdict of the jury.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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