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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 90

S. P. 16

In Senate, January 7, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide for 6-person Juries in Civil Cases.

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

14 MRSA, § 1204, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 581, § 1, is further amended to read:

The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide for the trial of civil actions only by juries of 6 jurors.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will allow the use of 6-man juries in Superior Court for civil trials. Across the country 6-man juries are coming into general use as they are more efficient and less costly to the taxpayers while they are still considered fair to all parties in a trial.