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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 163, L.D. 575, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for State Financing of the Expenses of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the first line of section 4 (same in L.D.) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §§ 115, 116, 117 and 118 are enacted to read:'

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by inserting at the end the following:

'§ 118. Support from counties

Effective July 1, 1976, each county shall pay annually to the State for the support of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts an amount equal to the direct expenditures by that county during the calendar year 1975 for the support of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts in all categories of expense assumed by the State as of July 1, 1976, less the amount received by that county from fines, fees, forfeitures and other revenues from the District, Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts during 1975. Such payments shall be made in equal semiannual installments on July 1st and January 1st of each year. The amount of direct expenditures by the counties during the year 1975 shall be fixed and confirmed by the Treasurer of State.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 4-A. 4 MRSA §163, sub-§4, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 449, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

4. Balance to State. The balance remaining in the District Court Fund after paying or setting aside the sums described in this section shall accrue to the State.'

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Further amend said Bill by inserting before section 30 the following:

'Sec. 29-A. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts from the General Fund the sum of \$2,466,591 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77

SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS

Unallocated

\$2,466,591'

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

'Fiscal Note

This amendment provides an appropriation of \$2,466,591 for the fiscal year 1976-77 and will be offset by an increase of \$2,466,591 in undedicated revenue to the General Fund during 1976-77.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for county reimbursement of state financial support for the Supreme Judicial Court and for the Superior Court and provides for certain balances in the District Court Fund to accrue to the State.