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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 329, L.D. 1115, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Limiting the Right to Trial by Jury in Criminal Prosecutions to only those Instances in which an Accused may be Imprisoned or Suffer Loss of Liberty or be Fined More than Five Hundred Dollars.'

Amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Constitution, Art. I, §6, last paragraph, first sentence,
is amended to read:

To have a speedy, public and impartial trial, and, except in trials by martial law or impeachment, and, except in trials of offenses punishable by imprisonment for less than (90) days or a (\$500) fine, or both, and offenses of petty crimes as recognized at common law, by a jury of the vicinity.'

Further amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph before the Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to limit the right to trial by jury in criminal prosecutions to only those instances in which the accused may be imprisoned for 90 days or more or be fined more than (five hundred dollars), or both?"

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide as an exception to the right to trial by jury, those instances in which the

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accused is charged with a petty offense or may be imprisoned
for less than 90 days or be fined less than \$500.

(Corson)
NAME:



COUNTY: Somerset

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