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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1309

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S. P. 410

In Senate, March 26, 1975

On Motion of Senator Speers of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Provide for a Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the work load of the District Court is, because of increase, becoming pressing; and

Whereas, there is a necessity for good administration of the court's assignment of duties to member judges; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

4 MRSA § 157, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 5, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

**The Chief Judge, with the advice and consent of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, shall designate one of the District Court Judges as Deputy Chief Judge. The Deputy Chief Judge shall receive compensation of \$500 annually in addition to his annual salary as District Court Judge.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create the position of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court. The Deputy Chief Judge would assist the Chief Judge of the District Court in the performance of his duties. No appropriation is necessary, since payment will be made from general court funds.