

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1579

H. P. 1283

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

On motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus, referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Joyce of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Authorize the Leasing of Space in the Cumberland County Building by the Supreme Judicial Court.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 4 MRSA § 4, as last amended by P&SL 1973, c. 209, § 5, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

The county commissioners of Cumberland County may negotiate a lease with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court for a lease for the use of courtrooms and administrative offices at the Cumberland County Building at Portland. A copy of such lease shall be presented by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to the State Controller accompanied by a detailed statement of space leased.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Supreme Judicial Court the sum of \$43,750 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT		
All Other	\$18,750	\$25,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will establish a landlord-tenant relationship between Cumberland County and the Supreme Judicial Court for space needed in operation of said court. The Supreme Judicial Court is a state function and as such should be wholly funded by the State. It is unfair that the people of Cumberland County alone be burdened with this expense.