



STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 709, L.D. 2236, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Costs in Contested Cases and Depositions in Probate Court."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "<u>§551.</u>" by striking out in the 6th line (5th line of L.D.) the underlined punctuation "," after the underlined word "parties"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last under sentence of the first paragraph of that part designated "<u>§551.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence: 'Such costs and fines may be denied by the court to any party whose contentions the court finds to be frivolous or entirely without merit.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to correct punctuation and to provide the court with the discretion to deny the payments of costs and fees out of an estate to any party whose contentions on an appeal are found to be frivolous or entirely without merit.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary. Reproduced and distributed pursuant to Senate Rule 11-A. March 19, 1976. (Filing No. S-454).